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# TALKS ON FAMINE RELIEF TO BE HELD IN PEKING

## Representatives of foreign organisations invited

### REPLY TO HK APPROACH

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## Malayan 'war cabinet' formed

Kuala Lumpur, April 17.

Britain's new Director of Operations against the guerrillas in Malaya, Lieutenant General Sir Harold Rawdon Briggs, today announced the formation of a Malayan "War Cabinet," which he claimed would strike at the roots of Communism in Malaya.

General Briggs, who arrived in the Federation capital on April 16, denied widespread criticism that he had insufficient power over the police, Army, Air Force and Navy to meet the emergency terrorist situation.

He said: "I am at complete liberty to order anything I require, subject to the Federation High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney."

He said that there was no immediate plan to call in more troops or order martial law.

General Briggs was addressing foreign correspondents and editors from all parts of Malaya. He said his "War Cabinet" was fully agreed on a policy against an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 terrorists now active throughout the Federation.

The "War Cabinet" was now working out detailed plans. He hoped to clear areas of terrorists, move in administration to stabilise these areas, then move troops on to other areas.

General Briggs said he would not commit himself to how long it would take to end the emergency.

### Australian aid

Meanwhile, in Sydney, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, said today Australia would give "serious consideration" to any request from Britain for aid in the anti-bandit fighting in Malaya, adds United Press.

Mr. Menzies told a Press conference, however, that his Government would not make any commitments at this time because no formal request has been made.

He parried a question about the use of the Royal Australian Air Force in Malaya, saying: "Our job is to assist in the establishment of stable governments in Indonesia, Malaya and Burma."

He said: "Putting it bluntly, we are interested in resistance to Communism."—Reuter and United Press.

### SHOOTING IN MACASSAR

Jakarta, April 17.

Sporadic shooting broke the watchful silence in Macassar last night as the populace waited for the promised offensive by U.S. federal troops to oust East Indonesian rebels.

No casualties were reported. The outlaw forces of Captain Andi Abdul Aziz, who have held this port city in the Celebes for nearly two weeks, have restricted their armed patrols. State police are standing guard over Government buildings and other key points.—Associated Press.

### THE WEATHER

At 0000 GMT (4 p.m. HKT) a weak anti-cyclone covers the Pacific East of the Loochoos and a shallow depression is moving Eastward across Korea. Pressure is low over Northern India-China.

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## Tanker loaded with aviation petrol burns in Singapore harbour

Singapore, April 17.

Fire killed two Indonesians when an explosion last night set the British tanker, *Lingula*, loaded with a million gallons of aviation petrol, ablaze at Pulau Samboe Island.

Ten men were seriously hurt and 10 sailors from the 6,445-ton ship were missing this morning, but some of these, it was thought, might be on shore leave.

Five non-swimmers in the *Lingula* managed to lower a boat and picked up a number of their fellows from the sea. The two dead were Indonesian wharf workers. Their bodies were found, terribly burned, in the tanker.

The oil tanks on Pulau Samboe are rated as the world's second largest oil installation.

Two Europeans were among the seriously injured. Four others were Indonesian employees of the Anglo-Saxon Oil Company.

The tanker, newly arrived from the Persian Gulf, was discharging 9,000 tons of aviation petrol last night when, according to eyewitnesses, an explosion occurred on Pulau Samboe Island.

Fire darted both ways to the ship and to a hillside tank. The tanker was soon alight and the order to "abandon ship" had to be given.

### Towed from wharf

When a Singapore Harbour fire-fighting ship, the *Griper*, arrived off the island it found the tanker burning furiously amidships. The tanker was towed away from the wharf to the Straits, a safe distance from land. Then the *Griper* pumped water on to the ship's blazing superstructure and decks and brought the flames under control.

The blaze at the hillside tank was brought well under control by daylight. If the tanker is allowed to burn itself out, there will be a column of black smoke against the Singapore skyline for five or six days.

There were two 12,000-ton sister ships, the *Donatella* and *Dolabella* berthed near the *Lingula* when the fire broke out. Both ships pulled away from the wharf immediately.

When the order came to abandon ship, the tanker's crew had to jump into the sea. One Scottish seaman said: "It was impossible to jump on to the wharf as the flames barred our path—our only escape was on the seaward side."

Boats and launches from shore and ships went looking for survivors and found most of them by shouting. Fourteen, however, swam out to Balakang Puduang Island, half a mile away, where they were provided with tea, clothes and cigarettes at the police post.—Reuter.

## HK women civil servants' appeal for equal pay is rejected by Colonial office

The Colonial Office in London has rejected an appeal submitted by the women civil servants in Hong Kong for equal pay with the men, it was learned last night.

Mr. S. S. Wan, chairman of the Chinese Civil Servants Association, said that the Colonial Office has definitely refused to consider the petition.

The rejection reached Hong Kong a few days ago, and news of it was immediately conveyed to all signatories of the appeal.

It is understood that further representations will be made both to Government here, and to the Colonial Office in London to correct the question of pay for women civil servants. It is also believed that the people concerned will there be justified in their demand for equal pay.

The rejection, announced at a press conference, was met with disappointment by the women civil servants.

They appealed in the first instance to the Colonial Secretary and requested him to convey their case to the Governor who would in turn inform the Secretary of State for Colonies.

The Colonial Secretary replied that he did not share their opinion that equal pay was necessary or desirable, but explained that they could write direct to London if they wished.

The committee representing the women civil servants, which was formed three months ago, decided to write to the then Secretary of State for Colonies, Mr. Anthony Eden, and to the Governor of Hong Kong, Mr. John Mather.

The petition, which was signed by 1,000 women civil servants, was sent to the Colonial Office in London.

## Demonstration in Macassar



Carrying blunt bamboo spears, symbols of revolution, students march in a demonstration in Macassar, East Indonesia. The demonstrators demanded dissolution of the formerly Dutch-sponsored state of East Indonesia and affiliation with the infant Republic of the United States of Indonesia. The banner reads: "Dissolve East Indonesia—make it republican." The East Indonesian Government recently banned a counter demonstration when violence threatened.—(A.P. Photo).

## Cabinet gets budget preview

London, April 17.

Sir Stafford Cripps was this afternoon giving the Cabinet a preview of tomorrow's budget—which may decide how long the Labour Government can cling to office with its precarious four-man majority in Parliament.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has been working for 10 days on the greatest problem of his career—how to present a budget that will stem the hostility of over 5,000,000 trade unionists to the official wage-freeze, keystone of British recovery plans.

To maintain the economic progress of the past year, he had shun spectacular budget concessions—and at the same time avoid a fresh austerity blitzard that would produce a revolution of feeling against Labour if there were an early election.

Sir Stafford Cripps has to decide also how far the Government is prepared to risk being brought down on the budget by the almost evenly matched Conservative opposition in the stalemate Parliament.

### Tory challenge

Mr. Winston Churchill and his followers have made no secret of the fact that they will if necessary challenge the budget stage by stage.

A defeat on the budget would mean the Government's resignation and a fresh election.

If Sir Stafford's proposals contain no easing of the cost of living—and fresh assaults on the pockets of big business—they will draw the full fire of the opposition.

But what is more important, a refusal to make cost of living concessions will make it practically impossible for Labour to contain any longer the widespread industrial demands for wage-increases.—Reuter.

### Tanks for Ho Chi-minh

Nationalist Press reports alleged today that a large number of Soviet-built tanks were being transported by the Chinese Communists to the border of Indo-China for transfer to Ho Chi Minh's forces, adds Associated Press in a despatch from Taipei.

The tanks, the reports said, were being shipped through China by rail, a big consignment already having passed Shanghai in transit.

Reports from different sources, meanwhile, continued to speak of intensive Communist preparations for invasion of Hainan.

The Reds were stated to be commandeering all kinds of craft, from wooden junks to ocean-going ships, for the coming attack.

Lulchow Peninsula, opposite Hainan Island, was portrayed as a hive of military activity, with Russian advisers in a prominent role.

### Secret report on Baltic incident

Washington, April 16.

Defence Secretary Louis Johnson will receive a "highly secret" report tomorrow from United States officials in Germany on the unarmoured Navy plane that vanished over the Baltic Sea after being fired on by Russian fighters.

Assistant Defence Secretary Paul H. Griffiths arrived here from Frankfurt where he conferred with Lieutenant General John K. Cannon, Commanding General of the United States Air Forces in Europe. General Cannon gave Mr. Griffiths a "complete fill-in" on the derelict abandoned search for the missing plane.

Mr. Griffiths said General Cannon's report was "highly secret." He will give it to Sir Johnson who presumably will pass it along to President Truman and the State Department.

The report will set the tone of the reply the Department is making to Russia's official protest of the incident.—United Press.

## Big Hainan invasion fleet repulsed

Haihow, April 17.

An invasion fleet numbering 260 junks was repulsed near Linkao last night, it was learned here today.

Thousands of the invaders were killed and hundreds captured. Fifty of the junks were sunk.

The invaders were estimated to number 15,000 men. Mopping up is continuing.

More Nationalist warships arrived at Haihow from Taiwan yesterday.

According to a recent letter to Governor Chen Chi-tang from Deputy Governor Yee Han-mou, who is now in Taipei, the Central Government has promised to rush all necessary means and efforts to reinforce the defence of Hainan.

As the heavy fog gradually disappeared, Nationalist warplanes and gunboats have begun offensive actions against Communists concentrated in the Lulchow peninsula. They sank three Communist motor junks last night along the Lulchow coast. More than 1,000 local guerrillas were reported to have been captured by the Nationalists at Wangtsou. Among them there were some landing forces from Lulchow. Wangtsou is a mountain district between Tingan and Kingshan, previously used by the local guerrillas as one of their strongholds on Hainan.

Similar preparations were said to be in progress along the Chekiang coast for an assault on Chusan Island. Nationalist blockade base 100 miles South East of Shanghai.

Press reports from Kwangtung said Nationalist guerrillas had established strong bases in different localities and were trying to co-ordinate their activities.

Six hundred Communist troops were stated to have suffered severe losses in a recent 24-hour engagement South West of Canton.

In another clash in the same general area, the guerrillas claimed they killed 72 Reds and captured six machine-guns and 27 rifles.

The strength of Nationalist guerrilla forces in Hunan Province was also reported to be growing. One despatch placing their total number at 100,000 men.—Associated Press.

## U.S. VOLUNTEERS FOR TAIWAN

Washington, April 16.

Mr. Joseph K. Fu, First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy today described the report from Taiwan that 4,000 Americans have volunteered for military service with the Chinese Nationalists as "substantially correct." He said most of the applicants were veterans or "people who just want to fight Communism."—United Press.

Regarding the question of British ships being held by the Nationalists—the *Caduceus* and the *Ethel Moller*—Mr. Allen said: "I only discuss shipping matters with the Consulate and therefore will not bring up the matter with the Nationalist authorities."

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## Date set for SE Asia conference

Manila, April 17.

President Elpidio Quirino has set May 26 as the date for opening a three-day "organisational conference" of South East Asia and Western Pacific nations at Baguio.

The President said that approximately 150 delegates and other personnel are expected for the conference which will be the first international meeting ever held under the auspices of the Republic of the Philippines.

No further details of the scope of the conference were made public. The United Nations General Assembly President, Mr. Carlos P. Romulo, is flying back to Lake Success tomorrow with instructions to make further contacts with interested nations on the general scope of the problems to be considered.

Officially proposed a year ago by President Quirino as a "South East Asia Union" to resist Communist aggression, the aims of the proposed conference have been undergoing various changes.

Nationalist China's President Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of South Korea, first answered President Quirino's call with positive proposals for a military alliance. After Chiang fled to Taiwan and the United States published its White Paper on China, President Quirino later began talking of a "cultural, economic and political union of non-Communist nations." At one point, he said the Philippines was not interested in the anti-Communist movement.

Later, after the Australian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Percy Spender, said that a Pacific counterpart of the Alliance Pact is needed to halt "Imperialist Communism," President Quirino let the door open for such matters to be discussed at Baguio.—Associated Press.

## Allen not contacting KMT officials

Taipei, April 17.

Mr. D. F. Allen, the Far Eastern representative of the British Ministry of Transport, told Reuter he had not contacted any Chinese Nationalist officials in Taiwan.

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# PERSONAL DISPUTE THREAT TO MENZIES

Canberra,

**A feud between the Speaker of the house and King George VI's personal representative in Australia threatens the Menzies-Fadden Government with an embarrassing, dramatic situation on April 19 when Parliament resumes after an Easter recess.****The Labour Party opposition threatens to introduce a motion censuring the Speaker, Archie Cameron, an unpredictable individualist with Scottish Highlander blood, for an attack on the Governor-General, William McKell on March 30.**

The dispute not only brings the exalted office of Governor-General into acrimony for the third time this century, but also recalls the deep cleavage between Labour and Conservatives on the issue of who should be appointed to that job. Labour and many of the more nationalist-minded Conservatives think an Australian should be Governor-General. The Conservatives in the past bitterly contended that it should go to an Englishman, who would be aloof from the hurly-burly of local politics. With two exceptions, Englishmen, all titled ones, have held the job.

The Chifley Labour Government in 1947 appointed Mr. McKell, who began life as a lowly boiler-maker's apprentice, and who was Premier of New South Wales. The Scullin Labour regime first broke with imperial tradition with appointment of Sir Isaac Isaacs, a distinguished Australian jurist, in 1931. Sir Isaac

was knighted after he received the appointment. The McKell and Isaac appointments aroused furious protests from Conservatives in Parliament and Press.

Mr. Cameron revived the dispute with an unprecedented statement to Parliament. A Labour member asked him to comment on a "Sydney Sunday Telegraph" report that Mr. Cameron "makes no secret of his determination to appear at Government House (residence of the Governor-General) only on official business." The report, by Massey Stanley, a colourful political writer who once wore kilts to a Prime Minister's Press conference, told of a strained meeting between Mr. Cameron and Mr. McKell.

Mr. Cameron, in official wig and robes, took the Address-in-Reply to Parliament to Mr. McKell, who as the King's representative, had delivered the Menzies-Fadden Government's legislative programme at the opening of Parliament.

After the ceremony of receiving the Address-in-Reply, in which Speaker Cameron was attended by the Prime Minister and about 50 members of the house, the Governor-General approached Mr. Cameron, Mr. Stanley reported.

"Mr. McKell: Now that the ceremony is over, Sir, I would be happy if you would join me in some refreshment."

"Mr. Cameron: The official ceremony being over, I crave your Excellency's leave to withdraw."

## Fat in fire

Mr. Cameron rocked Parliament by admitting that not only had he read Mr. Stanley's report, but recalled that Mr. McKell in 1940 "made upon me the most personal attack I have ever been subjected to in my life." Mr. McKell then was leader of the Labour party in New South Wales and Mr. Cameron was leader of the Australian Country Party and Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr. Cameron bitterly recalled that Mr. McKell used terms like "detested, narrow, prejudiced, blacknalling, intemperate, egotistical man able to hinder the efficiency of our war effort, arouse hostility and dissension instead of a feeling of national oneness, and thus serve the very enemy we are fighting."

He said that on assuming the Speakership he took a calculated risk. On February 27 he said he wrote Mr. McKell that "I had no desire to accept the hospitality of those who spoke of me in terms employed by him." Mr. McKell never replied, he said.

The fat was then in the parliamentary fire. The Ex-Prime Minister, Joseph B. Chifley, demanded to know if the statement was not a censure of the Governor-General.

Mr. Cameron denied it was an attack, but merely an answer to a question from the floor, a recital of certain facts. Other Labour members denounced Mr. Cameron's statement.

Finally the Prime Minister, Robert G. Menzies, rose and deplored the debate. He said he did not see anything of sinister significance in the Government House reception until he read it in the paper.

## How it arose

"I regret that this type of atmosphere should rest around a representative of the Crown," Mr. Menzies said. "This discussion does nothing but harm. If this debate continues there will be enormous heat engendered and it will do harm to the office of the Governor-General and to the Parliament." He then gagged the debate.

The Governor-General can say nothing as the King's representative.

If Mr. Chifley's forces bring in the censure motion, political experts say it will tax Mr. Menzies' parliamentary skill to the utmost to prevent a nasty situation developing.

Harold Cox, veteran political analyst of the "Melbourne Herald," pointed out that if the Government supports the censure motion, Mr. Cameron's retirement from the House is almost certain. If, however, the Government decides to oppose the motion, Mr. Cameron's position as speaker will be secure but the Government's support by a vote in the House for Mr. Cameron would amount to a motion of censure of the Governor-General. In such an event it seems certain that Mr. McKell would consider his own position and decide whether he could under the circumstances continue as Governor-General.

Experts point out that the Government could declare the motion a non-party affair and let its supporters vote as they choose. Most observers believe Mr. Cameron won't resign unless censured.

The situation results, experienced Parliamentary correspondents say, because the Menzies-Fadden Government didn't want to take Mr. Cameron into the Ministry, nor did they want him as a private member who could assert an independent line to the embarrassment of the Government. They compromised by making him speaker. But the Government didn't fully reckon with the Scotsman's old feud with Mr. McKell.

Labour observers claim that the refusal of Mr. Cameron to have a drink with Mr. McKell has proved a boon to the morale of their forces in Parliament. Fighting to protect Mr. McKell, one of their outstanding colleagues, Labour forces have rallied with new vigour against Mr. Chifley in Parliament after having been demoralized by the defeat at the polls last December.

Some Labour observers say that the incident recalls a belief held by many Labourites: that the office of Governor-General itself is outmoded and obsolete and needs overhauling. They say it is now only a glorified sinecure, and a needless prolongation of the colonial link with the Crown. They point out that while the Governor-General holds the power to call and dissolve Parliaments, at a time of Australia's greatest crisis he was completely by-passed. That was in 1942, when the late Labour Prime Minister, John Curtin, went over the head of the Governor-General and the British to appeal directly to President Roosevelt for help. United Press.

## British car show a hit in America

New York, April 18.  
Large crowds visited the British motor show at the Grand Central Palace here today, besieging salesmen with inquiries.

Fine weather helped to augment the continual stream of visitors, which poured through the turnstiles throughout the day. Fifteen thousand saw the show on the opening day yesterday.

Mr. Alfred Sisane, Chairman of the Board of General Motors Corporation, the largest manufacturers of motorcars in the United States, said that his is opinion the demand for British cars in this country would exceed their expectations, especially in urban areas.

He said that traffic conditions in cities and towns are rapidly increasing the popularity of smaller cars.

The British target is to sell 50,000 cars a year in America. —Reuter.

## HURLEY BLAMES YALTA

New York, April 16.

General Patrick Hurley, former Ambassador to China, today attacked the secret Yalta agreement as the blueprint for the Communist conquest of China.

In a debate on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's radio programme, General Hurley clashed acrimoniously with his fellow guests, Senator Warren Magnuson, Dr. John King Fairbank, head of Harvard's School of Chinese Studies, and a journalist, Mr. Lauterbach.

Mr. Lauterbach and Mr. Magnuson laid the blame for the Chinese debacle on the poverty and loss of faith of the Chinese people, and proposed that the United States launch a programme outside Communist areas in Asia aimed at regaining the support of the Asian peoples.

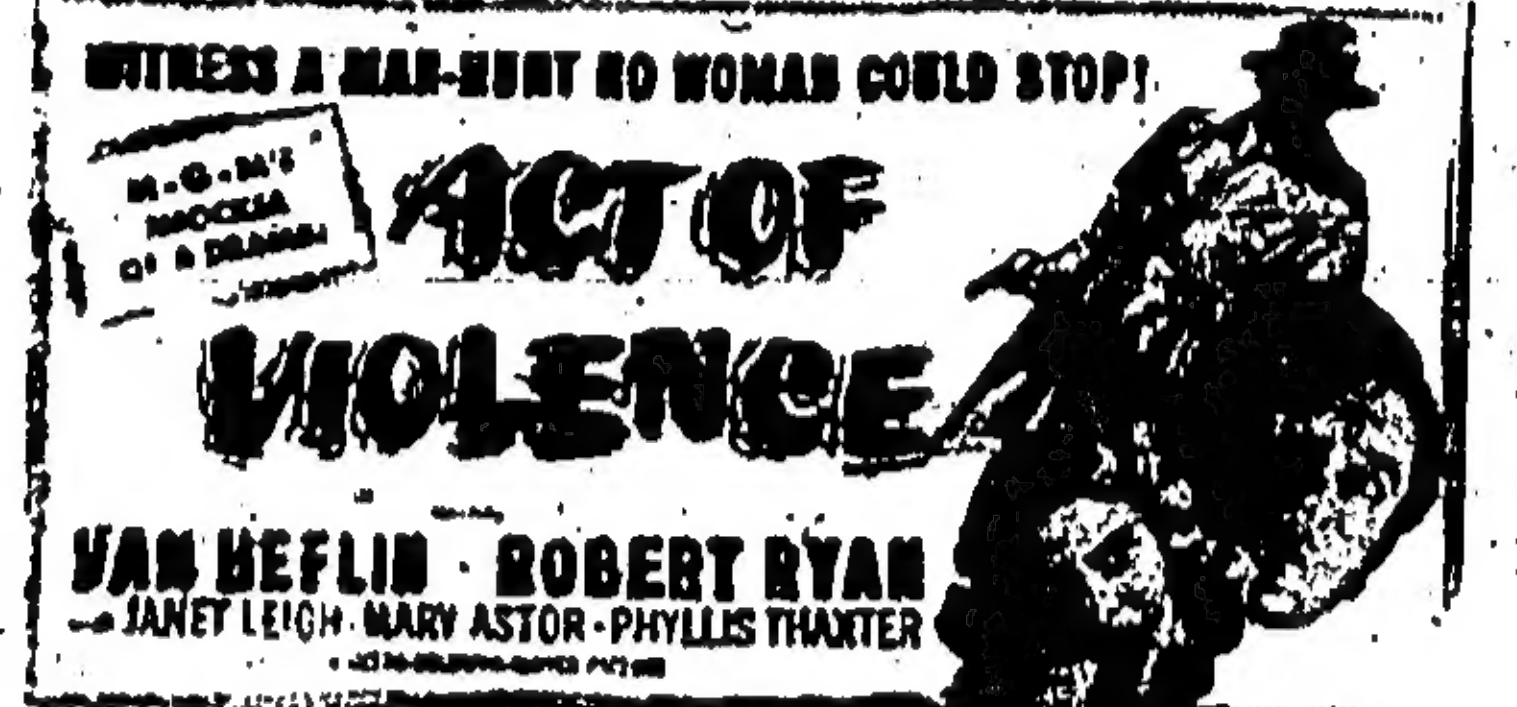
General Hurley said the United States diplomats surrendered all principles of the Atlantic Charter in the Yalta secret agreement on China, and that the agreement violated the territorial integrity of China by returning to Russia Port Arthur as the naval base in China.

General Hurley said that alliance with colonial imperialism in South East Asian countries would lead to the same defeat that the Yalta agreement produced. The United States must return to a policy of supporting free enterprise.

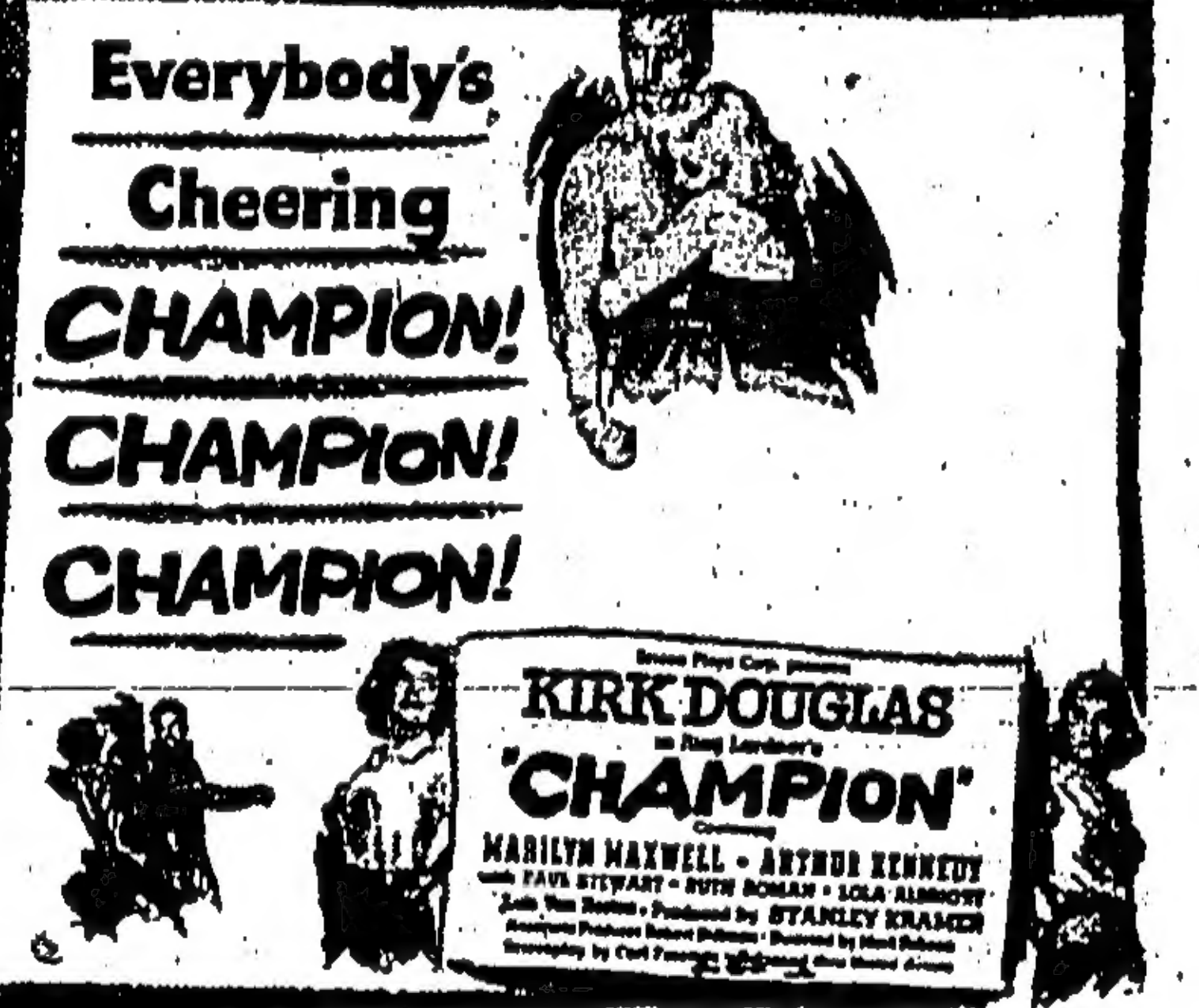
Dr. Fairbank urged that the United States withdraw support from Chiang Kai-shek. —United Press.

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## MANY DEAD IN HOUSE COLLAPSE

Tel Aviv, April 16.

A four-storey building housing some 80 persons collapsed tonight in Jaffa. Six persons are known to be dead. Many others are believed to have been crushed to death beneath the debris.

Rescue workers dug into the wreckage and thus far have brought out 20 injured, most of them in serious condition. Rescue operations are proceeding.

The exact number of casualties is not expected to be known for some time. The building was occupied by families of ex-Servicemen from the Israel Army. It was originally two stories high, but the previous owner added two more floors. It is believed that the foundations gave way.

An acute housing shortage exists in Israel. This was the second such accident in Jaffa recently. Four sisters were killed last December 26 when their home collapsed after 24 hours of torrential rains and floods. —Associated Press.

## APPOINTMENT TO MISSION IN U.S.

London, April 17.

Vice-Admiral The Honourable Cyril Eustace Douglas-Pennant has been appointed to the British Joint Services Mission in Washington, the Admiralty announced today. He succeeds Admiral Sir Frederick Dainton-Hamilton.

In 1944 he became Chief Naval Staff Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander in South East Asia. Until last month he was Flag Officer (Air) and Second-in-Command of the Mediterranean Station. —Reuter.

## PARIS WORKERS RELEASED

Paris, April 17.  
Paris police headquarters today released all but eight of 179 workers arrested during the night in a battle for the possession of a large nationalised aircraft parts factory in the South of the city. The eight detained people were stated to be "not employees of the factory."

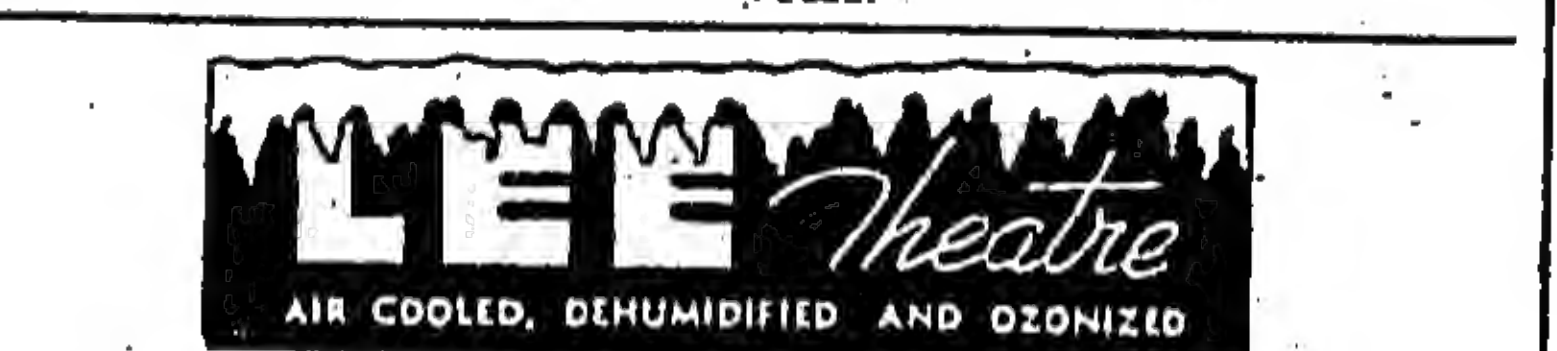
A demonstration called this morning by the Action Committee at the factory did not materialise, the police said. —Reuter.



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## AIR CRASH IN ALPS STARTS AVALANCHE

Schangnau, Switzerland, April 16.

A four-engined British airliner smashed into an Alpine peak in fog today, killing its crew of five and their only passenger—an Italian—and starting an avalanche. The plane was bound for Teheran.

Eye-witnesses who saw the plane crash into 7,200-foot high Hohgant Mountain said it skidded over the snow for more than half a mile and then was carried another 900 feet down the mountain slope on the sliding snow before coming to a halt amongst a pile of rocks.

The plane's skid started an avalanche which thundered into the valley below.

According to first reports, the plane did not catch fire. The crash took place at 8:30 this morning and word was brought to the local authorities from the mountain farms. Relief parties immediately set out for the wreck.

The plane, which was a Halifax, owned by Air Carriers, Limited, of London, left Schiphol Airfield this morning for a charter flight to Teheran.

The area of the crash was reported to be rugged. The passenger's name was given as Dr. Giulio, a representative of the owners, who was on his way to Brindisi.

The Swiss Federal Air Office said in a communique that the accident appeared to be due to faulty navigation. The communique added that the plane struck the North parapet of the mountain and was completely destroyed.

### In thick fog

Debris was scattered over a wide area, the statement said, much of it being engulfed in the avalanche. The wreckage did not burn.

All six occupants of the craft were believed to have died instantly. A relief party arrived at the scene in about an hour after the crash.

The accident occurred in thick fog, according to the communique. Reports from the scene of the crash state that the remains of the plane were caught up in the avalanche, which the crash started. The wreckage was swept down about 300 yards from the actual place of the crash.

Farmers heard the plane roaring overhead early this morning. Almost immediately there was a tremendous explosion as the plane struck the rocky Northern parapet of the Hohgant Massif. Parties from surrounding farms set off at once, but it was an hour before the first group reached the scene.

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# A JUNIOR MINISTER SACKED BY ATTLEE

## Sequel to provocative speech on agriculture GOVERNMENT'S DISCOMFITURE

London, April 16.

Mr. Stanley Evans, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, resigned tonight.

An announcement from the Prime Minister's house said that Mr. Evans had placed his resignation in the hands of Mr. Clement Attlee, who had accepted it.

Mr. Evans' resignation came within 24 hours of a slashing attack on him by the National Farmers Unions of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, which accused him of making a deliberate attempt to drive a wedge between town and country.

This was the second time in a few days that Mr. Evans had angered the farmers. They took issue, yesterday with a statement which he made at a Press conference on Friday, that no other nation featherbeds its agriculture like Britain.

He expressed doubt whether subsidies to farmers had not reached a level which neither consumer nor taxpayer could afford.

The Unions accused him of prematurely disclosing farmers' income figures and of selecting just those statistics which supported his fallacious argument that farmers might be getting too much security.

The Parliamentary Secretary, who ranks as a junior Minister, had declared that farmers' incomes had gone up from £55,000,000 in 1938 to £284,500,000 last year.

An outspoken Labour backbencher at 52, Mr. Evans went to the Ministry of Food as Parliamentary Secretary in the place of Dr. Edith Summerskill when she became Minister of National Insurance. He had been in office for 45 days.

Usually when a Minister resigns, letters between himself and the Prime Minister, showing the reasons for the resignation, are published. Tonight's announcement was a bare statement of the fact that Mr. Evans had resigned.

### Attlee angry

Mr. Evans' resignation— which political quarters assumed meant he was sacked by the Prime Minister— climaxed a week-end of Government discomfiture over the junior Minister's provocative speech on British farmers.

The speech, taken in conjunction with previous "coat-trailing" utterances, was believed to have brought down on Mr. Evans' head the wrath not only of the Prime Minister but other powerful Government forces.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the chief party disciplinarian, the Food Minister, Mr. Maurice Wobb, and the Agriculture Minister, Mr. Tom Williams, are all believed to have taken part.

The rapidly with which the situation developed is seen as an indication that the Government intends to deal summarily with any of its following—whether Ministers or rankers—who kick over the traces and thus increase Labour's difficulty in maintaining office with its tiny Parliamentary majority.

## Moscow interest in Philippines

London, April 16.

The Soviet Army newspaper, "Red Star", has declared that activity by guerrillas of the "People's Liberation Army" has now spread throughout the Philippines, according to a Tass news agency report received here today.

The newspaper's commentator, in an article on the "intensification of the national-liberation struggle in the Philippines", claimed that during the last few days the guerrillas had made several attacks against strongholds of Government troops.

They had also "launched bold surprise attacks in the outskirts of Manila itself, it said.

The "People's Liberation Army" had the support of the entire population, the Soviet newspaper claimed. The Government Army's new offensive against the guerrillas—launched with American tanks and planes—had failed to crush the movement, the newspaper said.

"Despite reprisals and terror, the guerrillas continue to struggle against the double oppression of American colonisers and the local bourgeois and feudal landowners,"—Reuter.

### PERAK OUTRAGE

Singapore, April 16. Eighty terrorists attacking the Harborough Estate in Perak last night murdered a labourer and destroyed buildings and estate produce worth £1,400. They seized identity cards from 50 labourers.—Reuter.

## VATICAN DENIES PEACE PACT

Vatican City, April 16.

Vatican circles today denied all knowledge of a "peace pact" between Poland's Communist Government and the Polish "Council of Bishops", reported from Warsaw, although an agreement might be reached.

According to the official announcement, which came from the "Joint Commission of the Polish Government and the Episcopate", the agreement was signed on Friday and embraced the entire problem of State-Church relations.

The Bishops, the Polish Press agency said, agreed to recognize the Pope's authority in matters of faith and Church jurisdiction, being guided by the interests of the State in all other matters, and pledging themselves to condemn underground anti-State activities.

The Agency did not define the "Council of Bishops". Observers here link the Warsaw reports with the arrival in Rome on Thursday of Cardinal Prince Adam Sapieha, 82-year-old Archbishop of Cracow, first Catholic Prelate from Eastern Europe, to obtain permission to visit Rome during the Holy Year.—Reuter.

## SCHUMACHER'S FEARS EXPRESSED

Osnabrueck, April 17.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, the West German Opposition leader, said here today he feared that West Germany's entry in the Council of Europe would lead to her participation in the Atlantic Pact and consequent rearmament.

Her entry would mean recognizing the "annexation" of the Saar, he told a Party meeting of the Social Democrats here.

Dr. Schumacher, who has repeatedly opposed acceptance of the Council of Europe's invitation to Germany to associate membership, said he feared acceptance would "destroy the moral foundations for a revision of the Oder-Nesse frontier with Poland."—Reuter.

## Australia to stay in New Guinea

Sydney, April 16.

Australia can never withdraw completely from New Guinea, said the External Affairs Minister, Percy Spender, who returned tonight from a Pacific tour.

Australian authority must remain in New Guinea where many great potentialities are yet to be developed. He met too many people who spoke about New Guinea only as trust territory in which Australia had only limited interest and from which Australia is expected shortly to withdraw. This was a dangerous point. If Australia did not remain there, there are other nations that would.—United Press

## Battle over U.S. aid bill

Washington, April 16.

Democrats and Republicans are preparing for a sharp battle on the floor of the Senate over President Truman's \$3,372,450,000 global Aid Bill.

Democratic Administration leaders are confident that they can defeat strong moves this week to slash the Aid money, and push the Bill passed without crippling amendments.

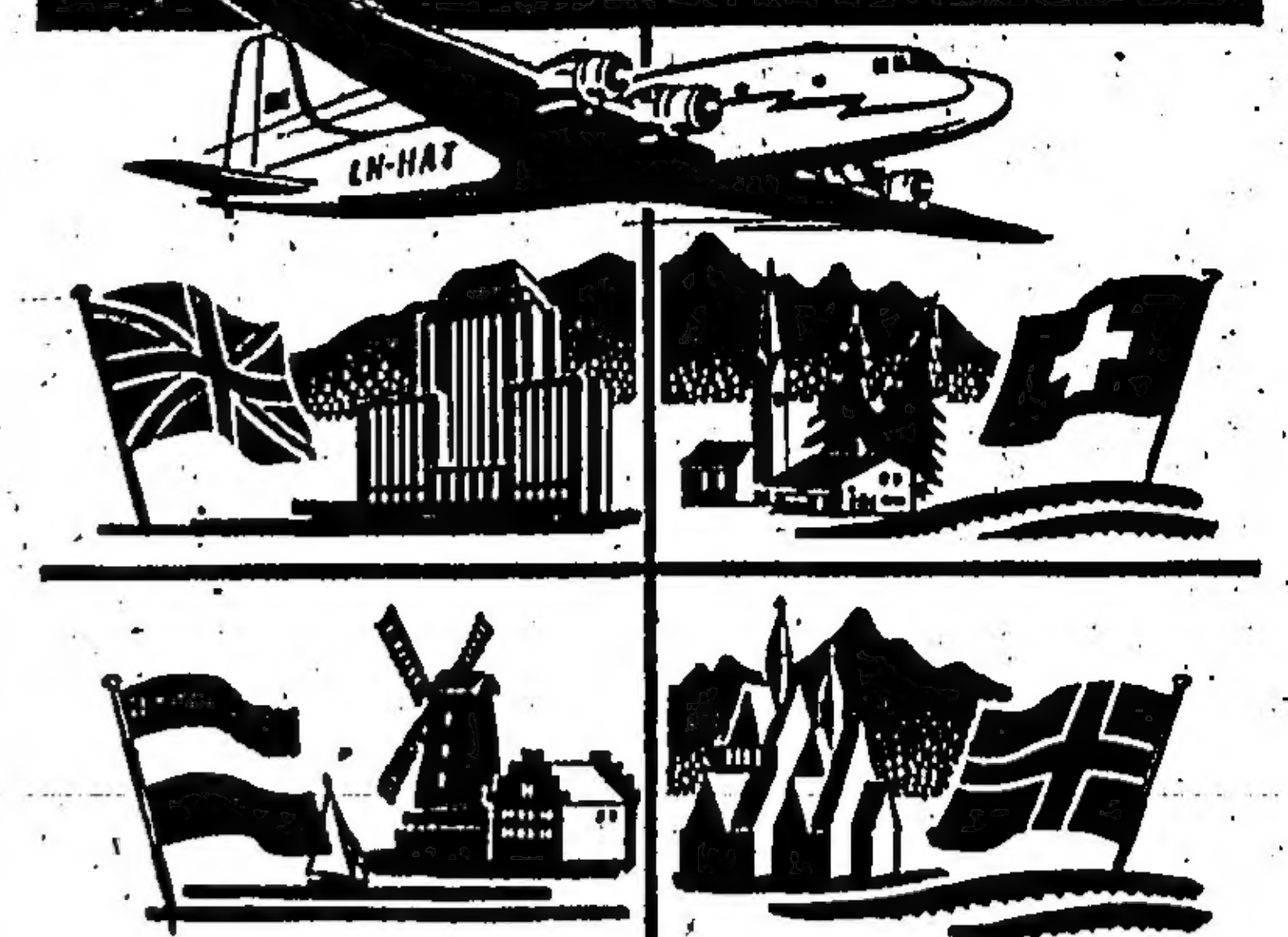
The President had sought authorization to provide \$3,100,000,000 for Europe's Marshall Plan, \$100,000,000 for Korea, about \$100,000,000 for the non-Communist general area of China, \$27,450,000 to help Palestine Arab refugees, and \$45,000,000 to launch its programme of technical help to the world's under-developed areas.

Some Congressional sources expect heavy Republican-led moves to cut the European funds by anything up to \$800,000,000.

They consider that the recent State Department announcement, that it would seek tariff reductions on 2,500 items imported in the United States, would provide ammunition for a force of "protectionist" Senators who have been expressing concern at European competition on domestic industries.

The global Aid Bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, cut funds to be authorized by \$270,000,000.—Reuter.

Washington, April 16. The Air Force disclosed today that it has increased the operating radius of its F-84-E "Thunderjet" fighter planes to more than 1,000 miles by adding two 230-gallon wingtip tanks. The previously announced operating radius was 850 miles. The extra tanks add a total of 920 gallons of fuel to the Thunderjet's normal capacity.—United Press.



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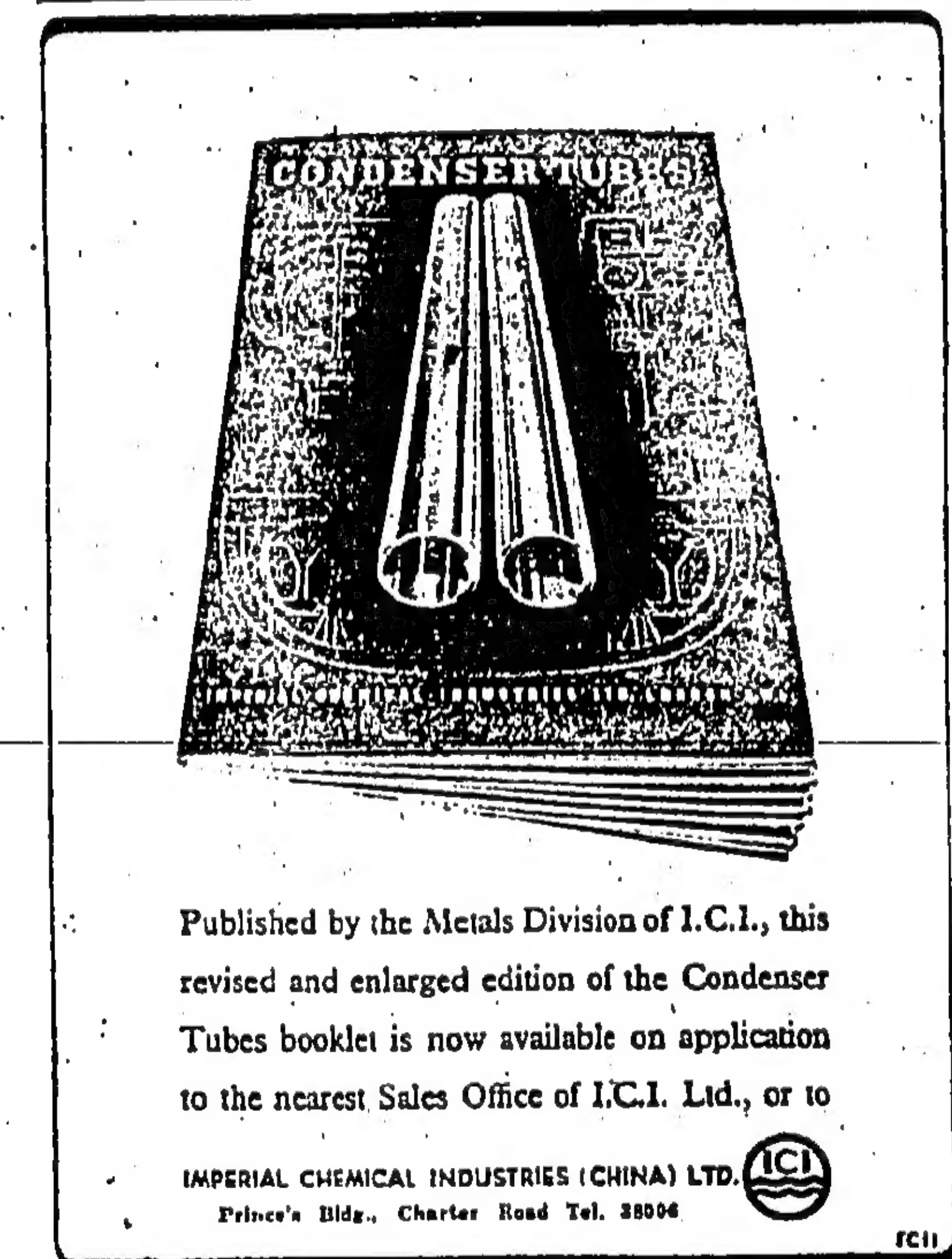


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# BIDAULT PROPOSES ATLANTIC DEFENCE, ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Lyons, April 16. The Prime Minister of France, Georges Bidault, today proposed the establishment of an international executive council to deal with defence and economic problems of the Atlantic community. M. Bidault proposed the creation of an Atlantic High Council for Peace in the name of the French Government at a banquet speech in the City Hall here. He hoped the Council would be able to extend its powers to the political domain.

## MOSCOW SEES A JAP NAVY

Moscow, April 16. "Pravda," organ of the Soviet Communist party, asserted today that all 27 of the lend lease frigates which the Soviet Union returned to the U.S. Government last year have been turned over to the Japanese to form the nucleus of a resurrected Japanese Navy. "Pravda's" source of information was a Tass despatch from Shanghai which said the frigate fleet was being commanded by Japanese Rear-Admiral Komura. (In Washington, the Navy denied flatly that any of the 27 frigates returned by the Russians have been turned over to Japan. It denied further that any ships have been turned over to the Japanese with military equipment or for any military purpose. A Navy spokesman said the 27 frigates were delivered to U.S. authorities by the Russians at Yokosuka, Japan, and as of noon on Saturday, they were still there with no disposition ordered. Title is in the U.S. Navy, he said. The spokesman said a few tank landing ships, demilitarised, are the closest thing to fighting craft which the Japanese have obtained here. The LSTs are being used for cargo carrying and in repatriation of Japanese from lands the nation no longer controls. Those carry Japanese crews but the U.S. still holds title. A few smaller vessels have been loaned to the Japanese to help revive their fishing industry). —Associated Press.

## PATEL'S VISIT TO CALCUTTA

Calcutta, April 16. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Minister of India, arrived in Calcutta today for a five-day discussion with local Government Ministers and Congressional leaders on implementing the India-Pakistan communal peace pact. The main purpose of Mr. Patel's visit appeared to be to stir up enthusiasm for the new agreement in West Bengal, where there is danger of indifference, due to the resignations from the Indian Government of the Bengali Ministers, Shyamasundar Mookherjee and Kshitish Chandra Neogy. Thousands lined the route taken by Mr. Patel from the airport but there were only occasional shouts of "Jai Hind" (victory to India). —Associated Press.

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"Believing that the hour has come to make the solidarity of free nations more concrete, more simple and more effective in order to give rise to more mutual confidence and more strength for peace," said M. Bidault, "I believe it would be wise and opportune to create an Atlantic High Council, called upon to direct and orient development of the community in two domains which are inseparable—that of defence and that of economy—with the hope of being able to add, without too much delay, the political domain."

The Premier hoped the Big Three Foreign Ministers would set up a committee to go ahead with plans for an Atlantic Council at their meeting in London on May 28.

"Like our reasons, our intentions are clear: in order to discourage in advance all distortion in interpretation, I propose the definition of the objective be affirmed in the name itself of High Council and that it be called the Atlantic High Council for Peace."

"There is no reason to let monopoly of that name to those who, having taken it over among others, designate us as a camp of aggression," he added.

The French plan was essentially a logical extension and junction of already existing steps such as creation of the Western Union, the Organisation for European Economic Recovery and the Atlantic Pact.

## LIFERAFT FOUND IN BALTIC

Wiesbaden, April 16. The search for a missing United States Navy patrol bomber was officially called off tonight, a few hours after a British steamer picked up a yellow liferaft in the Baltic, South East of Stockholm. The raft was found by the steamer Beechland (1,813 tons), bound for the Finnish port of Helsinki. From there the raft, identified as American, manufactured in 1948, will be flown to Copenhagen tomorrow for examination by Air Force experts.

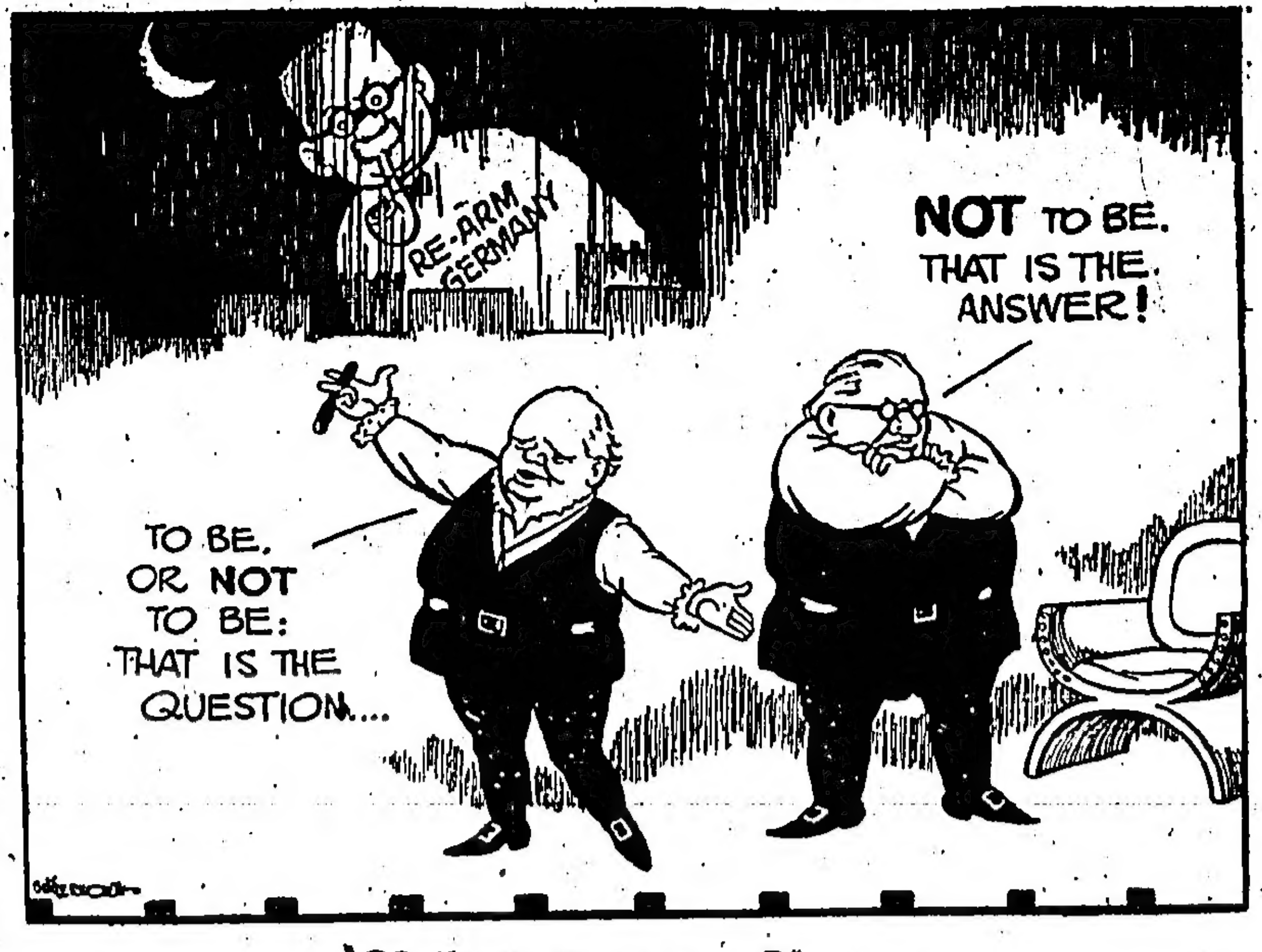
The raft was picked up North of Gotland Island, roughly on a line between Stockholm and the Latvian Baltic port of Lihau, where the Russians allege they were forced to fire on an American bomber a few hours before the Navy Privateer, with 10 men on board, was listed as missing. The United States Air Force's European headquarters called off the eight-day search, tonight, abandoning all hope of finding any survivors.

It was learned officially that the raft found by the Beechland is of the same type and registration as those used by the missing Privateer. An official spokesman said: "We think it is from the plane."

He added that no further statement will be made until after the raft has been examined. Danish and Swedish vessels which helped in the search returned to their ports tonight.

American planes searching for the missing American aircraft are equipped with the latest air photographic equipment with powerful photographic lens. A Tass message from Denmark said today.

The despatch added that the Danes do not believe the Americans are searching for a missing plane but that they are holding manoeuvres and wish to scare the Danes and Swedes in this way. A Tass message from Sweden quoted a Swedish paper as saying the American plane was in constant radio communication with Wiesbaden even at the moment it was in contact with Soviet fighters, but that the Americans, for military, strategic and diplomatic reasons, are keeping this secret. —Reuters and Associated Press.



# POOR OUTLOOK FOR THE SYDNEY TALKS

London, April 16. The outlook is not too good for the Commonwealth conference on aid to South East Asia which is to be held in Sydney beginning on May 10, diplomatic observers here said today. For one thing, they point out, the hard-pressed Labour Government in Britain cannot spare a high-level Minister as its representative, for it needs the vote of every Minister.

Hence the leader of the United Kingdom delegation is to be a Labour Peer, Lord Macdonald, who is virtually unknown to the British public. He is an ex-minister who was public relations officer to the Governor-General of Newfoundland. He holds the purely honorary post of Paymaster in the present Government. Co-leader with him will be Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General in South East Asia, who will join the party from London at Singapore. Neither could sign any agreement without first consulting London.

Both are right wing Labour politicians. The outstanding fact confronting this Commonwealth conference is that politicians of the Western world have since the end of the war poured some \$6,250,000,000 into Asia and have little to show for it. About \$1,000,000,000 was sunk in China. Another \$2,200,000,000 has been invested in the rescue of Japan and Southern Korea from insolvency and another \$700,000,000 has gone into rehabilitation of the Philippines.

But the fundamental difficulty of the Sydney conference is that it pretends to be one thing while actually it is something quite different. It is much less a conference to discuss aid to South East Asia than it is a conference to discuss just how South East Asia can be made to continue its aid to the Commonwealth by supplying goods which Empire businessmen can sell for much-needed dollars. This is why in the United Kingdom delegation to Sydney next month there will be experts from the Board of Trade and the Treasury as well as from the Foreign Office and the Commonwealth Relations Office. They are most certainly less interested in the American "master plan" than they are in recovering the bulk of British and local Chinese businessmen their old position in the restless countries. Sydney may evolve a plan but it seems unlikely to be adopted without months of consideration. —United Press.

According to the report, the scheme provides for credit agreements among the Asiatic countries largely under American direction and with the dollar as common currency. The two MacDonalds and their colleagues from Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan and Ceylon will have to study this carefully for it means at bottom an extension of the "cold war" to countries staggering under "hot" wars.

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These are American dollars but their political, economic and social effect are bound to occupy a large part of the Commonwealth discussion in Sydney next month. Britain's post-war expenditure from public funds in South East Asia included a grant of some £80,000,000 to Malaya and of £50,000,000 odd to Burma plus an unknown proportion of annual military expenditure which last year reached £760,000,000.

While the conference is trying to guess how much more can be spent in South East Asia, the American State Department is reported to be studying a scheme under which the entire Asian pattern is to be definitely fixed—an American "master plan" in which Japan is to be converted into the workshop of the Pacific for the construction of industrial goods and other countries continuing to supply raw materials.

## U.S. PURCHASES OF NEW PLANES

Washington, April 16. The U.S. Air Force has placed orders for about 1,250 new planes, valued at more than \$1,000,000,000, during the current fiscal year, with continued strong emphasis on heavy bombers. This was the first disclosure of the Air Force procurement programme for the fiscal year which ends on June 30. The Navy said last week its plane procurement programme for the current year would probably cost about \$500,000,000 and involve some 700 planes. The Air Force figures indicated continued heavy emphasis on the Consolidated Vultee B-30 super-bombers and the beginning of a major buying programme for the Boeing B-47 six-jet bomber that flies more than 600 miles per hour. President Truman requested \$1,350,000,000 for new Air Force and Navy planes in the fiscal year 1951 but the Joint Chiefs of Staff were believed to be about ready to recommend at least a \$500,000,000 increase in the amount. —United Press.

## ZIKISTS BANNED IN NIGERIA

Lagos, April 16. The Nigerian Government has banned the extreme nationalist Zikist movement, led by Dr. Kenneth Azikiwe. "Conclusive evidence has been obtained," the Government statement said, "that the movement sought to stir up hatred and malice and to pursue seditious aims by lawlessness and violence." The Zikist movement was formed by a group of extreme nationalists in 1947. It has considerable following in the Lagos area. —Reuters.

## British Jews protest

London, April 16. The Board of Deputies of British Jews today protested against the supply of arms to the Arab countries, which, it said, is aggravating tension in the Middle East. The Board stated that it views "with deep concern the increasing tension and the threat to peace in the Middle East, aggravated by the supply of arms by the British Government to Arab States without making such supply dependent on their full co-operation in the conclusion of peace, and despite their openly expressed intention to renew a campaign of aggression against Israel."

The Board urges the Government "to reconsider its policy in a spirit of fairness to Israel, which has shown itself ready to negotiate peace with the neighbouring Arab States, in the paramount desire to solve the weighty and pressing problems with which the young State is urgently confronted." —Reuters.

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"ECONOMIST" SAYS:

# AMERICA READY TO RECOGNISE PEKING ON CONDITIONS

London, April 16.

"The Economist" today suggested that the United States would be ready to recognise Communist China and accept its representatives in the United Nations if the new regime adopted certain minimum standards of international behaviour.

"The Economist" named minimum standards as only if these Chinese attempt no adventures in South East Asia and if they are ready to trade on the basis of mutual respect.

## PEKING "PEACE" CAMPAIGN

San Francisco, April 16.

One of the Communists' chief propagandists declared today that the "American plot to turn China into an anti-Soviet base" has been defeated and at the same time attacked the British and Dutch Governments' "obstruction of peace."

Liu Ning-ye, Vice-President of the All-China Federation of Labour, made the remarks in a special article published in the "Peking People's Daily News" and broadcast by Peking Radio.

The article helped to inaugurate a new "peace page" which will be published once monthly devoted to furthering world peace.

Liu said that two world conferences which were convened in Peking a few months ago—Asian-Australasian Trade Union conference and the Asian Women's Conference—will be of great significance in furthering the development of the national liberation movement throughout the East and will also serve as a more powerful guarantee to the world peace movement.

He said that despite American, British and Dutch machinations, the "two great peoples of China and the Soviet Union 700,000,000 strong are sincerely united and co-operating."—United Press.

Commenting on Mr. Dean Acheson's Berkeley speech and the appointment of Mr. John Foster Dulles as an adviser, the periodical said this of American policy in Asia:

"The policy is based upon three principles of which the first determines the rest.

"It is quite simply that a vast revolution is in progress among the peoples of Asia whose aim is to secure national independence and economic and social advance. Both these aims are entirely consistent with the designs of American policy and both in their genuine forms can count upon American interest and support.

"Mr. Acheson clearly does not shrink more radical aspects of this vast revolution. He supports the Asian people not only in their desire for independence but also in more controversial aims, such as better education and more widespread ownership of land.

### One exception

"To this general principle there is one exception. The Chinese revolution has been sidetracked by the Communists in a blind alley of Soviet domination. The American aim is therefore modified."

"The Economist" commented that with the one exception of Soviet domination, the United States supports the new Asian States wholeheartedly in their desire for independence. The periodical listed the remaining two principles of American policy in Asia:

1.—"The United States will be ready to adapt its assistance to accord most fully with local needs.

### UN framework

2.—"The development of Asia's economic and social resources should be assisted by the free nations, working in concert, offering not only economic aid but also their technical and administrative resources and fitting their programme into the larger framework of the United Nations."

"The Economist" continued: "This, then, is the ground plan of an American policy for Asia upon which a bipartisan edifice may now be built."

"A bipartisan policy for Asia sets a pattern not only for the United States, but for the rest of the free nations. They in turn, must consider the new lead they are being given and assess its strength and weakness."—Associated Press.

## Spy charge by Bucharest

Bucharest, April 16.

An influential Bucharest newspaper today accused the former head of the United States Information Service in Bucharest and certain officials of the USIS of espionage.

The Government organ "Universal" made the charge in comment on the Rumanian answer to the American protest against the recent closing-down of USIS in Bucharest. The newspaper charged, "A shadow was thrown upon the personal activities of certain officials of the Information Service, including its former head, Frank Shea, by the important part they played in espionage committed by traitors and conspirators convicted in recent trials held in our country."

It said the closure of USIS was "a measure favourable to international peace and co-operation because the entire activities of the office were conducted in a hostile spirit towards the Rumanian people's republic."—United Press.

## JAP CHINAWARE INDUSTRY

Tokyo, April 16.

Japan's chinaware industry, hard hit by closed Asiatic continental markets as a result of the war, can survive only by increasing shipments to the United States and Canada, according to Ipppei Yano, a director of Japan's Foreign Trade Association.

Mr. Yano pointed out that continental markets, such as Manchuria and China, which constituted the second largest outlet—next only to the United States—for Japan's chinaware, will not be reopened on a pre-war scale for some time.—United Press.



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## Preparing the way



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## Konrad Adenauer's Berlin mission

Berlin, April 16.

The West German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, arrived in Berlin by air today to press for unification of Germany through free elections through all Germany.

In an apparent attempt to counteract the propaganda value of Dr. Adenauer's demand, the East German President, Wilhelm Pieck, also called for an all-German plebiscite to unify this split nation.

Dr. Adenauer made it clear on his arrival that his trip is also intended to tighten ties between the Western sectors of Berlin and the Federal Republic, even though West Berlin is not part of the Republic. He said at the airport, "I feel as much at home in Berlin as in any town in the West German Federal Republic."

Thousands of Berliners gathered before the United States Air Force's Tempelhof airfield and along the streets leading to it to greet the Chancellor on his first trip to Berlin.

Before leaving for Moscow today, Mr. Pieck had said German unity could be re-established through an all-German plebiscite, conclusion of a democratic peace treaty and withdrawal of the occupation troops. His statement, published in the "Tagliche Rundschau," official Soviet Army newspaper, was seen as a Soviet attempt to counter the appeal for unity which Dr. Adenauer was said to be ready to deliver during his three-day visit.

Dr. Adenauer was greeted at the airfield by the Mayor of West Berlin, Ernst Reuter, the City Assembly Speaker, Otto Suhr, the Deputy Mayor, Louise Schroeder, and other Officials. He was accompanied by the Minister of Economics, Ludwig Erhard, the Justice Minister, Dr. Thomas

## Suspected smallpox in British ship

Liverpool, April 16.

A five-year-old British boy, suffering from suspected smallpox, was taken to hospital from the 11,157-ton British liner Cilicia when she docked here from Bombay today.

The Cilicia had called at Karachi and at Aden. Passengers from the liner will be kept under observation. Medical officers in the various parts of Britain to which they are travelling have been notified. They number 300. In another of Britain's major ports—Glasgow—six people died recently during a smallpox outbreak. The outbreak sent nearly a 1,000,000 people into vaccination queues and brought into force stringent precautions to keep the disease under control.

The West of Scotland area, in which Glasgow lies, is expected to be declared free of smallpox this week-end.—Reuter.

## LEOPOLD OFFER REACTION

Brussels, April 16.

The Belgian Catholic Party's Executive today described King Leopold's broadcast offer last night to hand over his Royal prerogatives temporarily to his son as contrary to the initiatives of the party, but it paid homage to the high sentiments expressed in the King's message and to the sovereign's desire to reconcile the Belgian people.

The leading Catholic newspaper, "Le Soir," reaffirmed its views that the provisionally exiled King's return to the throne must be unconditional.

Catholic leaders interviewed by the newspaper were quoted as saying that they considered the King's offer to transfer his powers for the time being to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin, as unconstitutional.

The attitude of the main anti-Leopold party, the Socialists, is not expected to be known until tomorrow, when the party's Executive will meet to consider the new situation created by the King's offer.

According to the anti-Leopold Brussels newspaper, "Le Soir," Belgian Socialists would insist on a clarification of a number of points in the King's message, especially those regarding the guarantee of the rights of the anti-Leopold minority.

According to reports from all parts of the country, every single Belgian radio appeared to have been tuned in to the King's recorded broadcast.

In the larger cities there were traffic jams as motorists, with car radios pulled into the kerb to allow passers-by to listen.—Reuter.



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## British experiment in Europeanisation of former enemies

Beaconsfield, April 17.

In a small temporary village of clean, bleak Quonset huts, like similar war-bred villages all over the western world, an experiment in Europeanisation has gone on since 1945.

It is Wilton Park, a British Foreign Office centre conducted in Germany, which brings Germans to "neutral ground." The "members" relaxed from the tensions of life in Germany, attend seminars and discussions designed to help them understand other Germans and other Europeans.

Dr. Hans Koeppler, German-born Oxford-bred scholar who runs Wilton Park, describes the centre as a cleansing process. "It lets the German get out of himself for a few weeks," he said. "He realises that the rest of the world is willing to give him an even break, that he will neither be discriminated against nor babied."

"Most Germans feel isolated, feel that Germany is a world by itself, for good or evil. We want to give them a feeling of being part of Europe, with all its privileges and responsibilities."

### Representative groups

Dr. Koeppler tries to get Germans from as widely spread groups as possible. A recent four week group of about 60 contained a few students, several trade unionists, teachers, housewives, and Government officials. There are few business or professional men, because they find it difficult to leave their work for such a long period. The aim is to recruit, through German municipalities and British occupation authorities, any Germany likely to wield political influence. "What for—to make good Englishmen out of us?" many suspicious candidates ask.

Dr. Koeppler and his staff of tutors say that Wilton Park's only goal is to make the members of the centre good Europeans.

"Lecture with discussion," is the Wilton Park system in a nutshell. Members of the

staff, mostly young dons—borrowed from Oxford and Cambridge, lecture on their specialties, and many famous public figures give guest lectures.

Seminars, organised by the staff but conducted by the members, take up the argument. The Germans this reporter saw in seminars showed no timidity in expressing their views on the most controversial subjects.

### Free to speak

"It's wonderful," said a young blonde office worker, "to be able to sit so calmly across the table from professors and labourers and talk about things that matter to all of us. We never could in Germany."

One or two days a week small groups of the members visit British institutions of particular interest to them. Eight or ten public servants inspected the Beaconsfield housing estate one day, while a group of engineers toured a factory and anyone who was interested might go through Radio House, home of the BBC.

During its sessions, many Wilton Park members visit Parliament and the leading parties' headquarters.

Dr. Koeppler has no illusions that Wilton Park, or a 100 Wilton Parks spread over Europe—which he would like to see—will prevent a third world war. "But what is your alternative?" he asked squarely. "I see the world heading down the same path of polarisation which it travelled before 1939, and I intend to do whatever I can to stop it."

After the first four years, the results are beginning to show. Seventeen Wilton Park clubs have been formed in Germany of "alumni" who try to keep alive the spirit of active discussion and responsible action upon public issues.—United Press.

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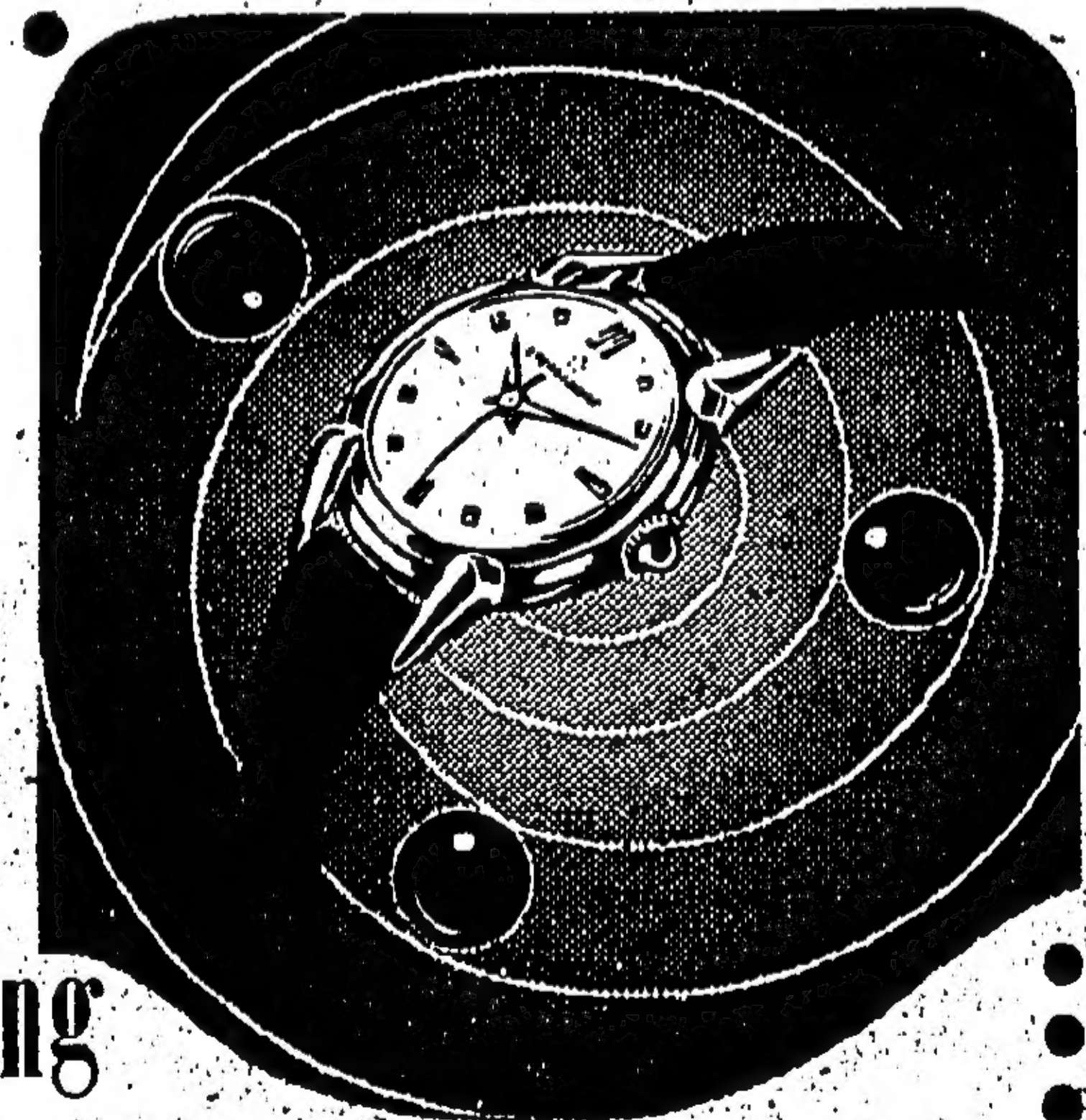
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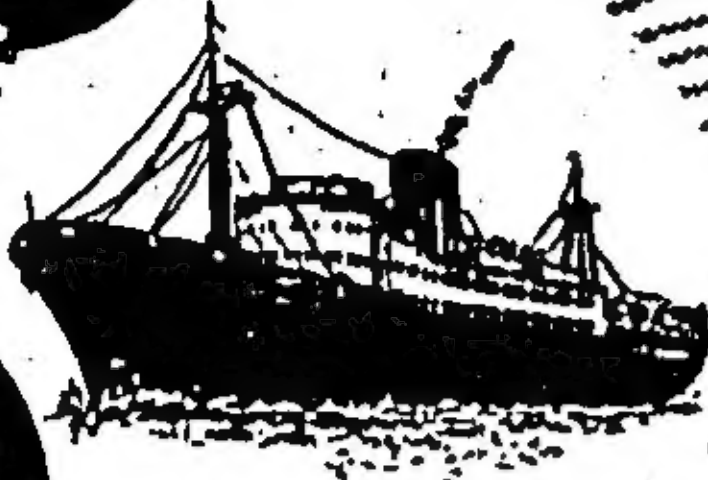
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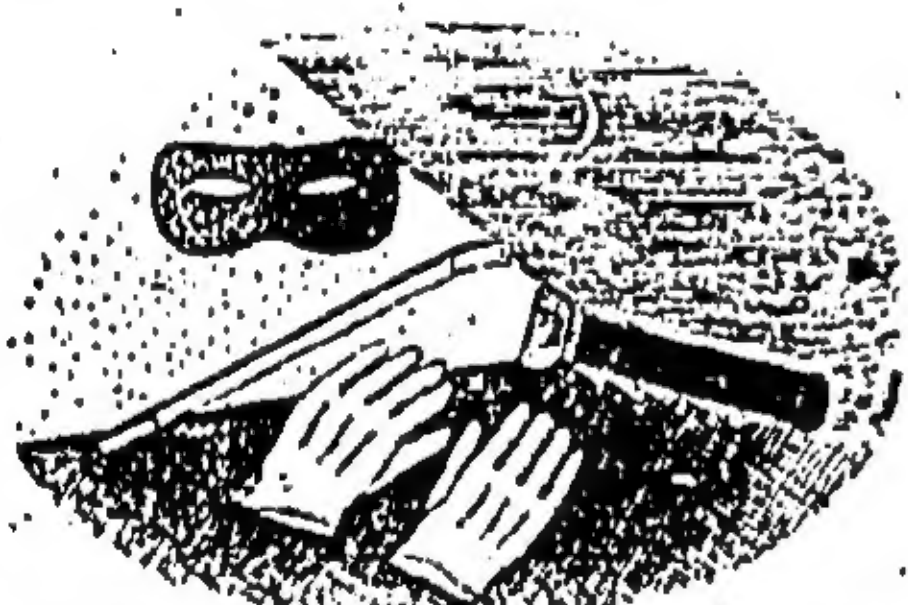
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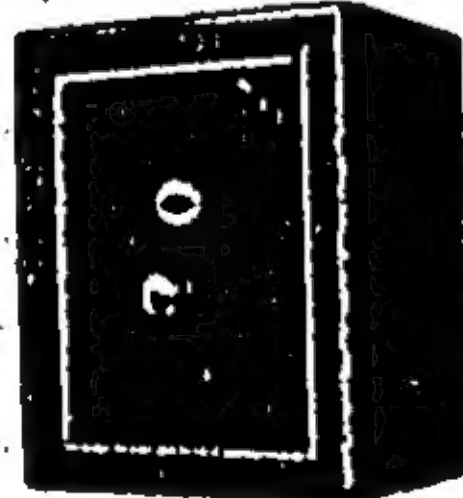
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## Probe of British plane explosion extends to Paris

London, April 16.

French and British police have linked efforts to find the cause and motive for the suspected sabotage explosion last Thursday in a British Viking airliner carrying an American Marshall Plan official and 27 other passengers from London to Paris.

The explosion was at first thought to have been caused by lightning striking the after-fuselage. The air hostess of the aircraft was injured in the explosion.

It was confirmed in London today that Mr. Ralph Strauss, special assistant to the Marshall Plan's American Ambassador, Mr. Averell Harriman, was aboard the Viking, which was forced back to Northolt Airport by the explosion.

Mr. Strauss told Reuters in Paris that he had not been approached by either Scotland Yard or the French Surete. He paid tribute to the aircraft's pilot, Captain Harvey, saying that if it had not been for his ability to bring the aircraft down with its rudder out of action none of the passengers would be alive today.

A report that British Military Intelligence had been called to help in the investigation because of the presence of aliens among the Viking's passengers was later denied by British European Airways.

The probability of sabotage brought from the Aeronautical Engineers Association, tonight a demand that a public enquiry should be made into a complaint from British Overseas Airways.

employees that nationalised aviation is riddled with prominent Communists.

### Communists on airfield staffs

The Association heard evidence that many BOAC and BEA airfields have had Communist trade union officials on their staff since 1946.

Ministry of Civil Aviation and BEA officials late today continued their detailed examination of the damaged Viking, which was towed away and locked up under heavy guard after its return to base on Thursday.

They had not yet determined what type of explosive was planted in the plane's toilet tank, blew a hole in the fuselage, breaking the arm of the blonde stewardess, Miss Gramsle, in her quarters near the cockpit bar.

The passengers, most of whom went on to Paris by another aircraft, included a French Foreign Ministry official, Mr. Tyberghen, Reuters.

## HUNT FOR SUNKEN TREASURE

Tobermory, April 16.

Royal Navy technicians, manning suction pumps which fling an incredible quantity of mud hope to come to grips with a Spanish galleon tomorrow.

For some weeks divers have been trying to clear silt away from a wreck sunk off the West coast of Scotland. According to legends of the region, it is the Armada galleon Florentia which foundered with a load of gold in the 16th Century. The gold, again according to the legend, was to pay Spanish sailors.

The effort to recover the wreck is being undertaken by the Navy in collaboration with the Duke of Argyll who, according to old British law, would be the owner of any treasure found.

Divers have found a wreck of some sort but needed more powerful pumps to suck away the silt. They are now in place.

The romantic search for ancient treasure has gripped the imagination of holiday crowds. Operations can be seen from a pier.

Yesterday the pumps were tried out, with little apparent success. The method is to squirt mud and water at a net suspended from boats. Solid objects are caught by the net and examined carefully.

As yet there has been no conclusive evidence that the wreck is one of the Armada galleons but the Navy says there is something down there.

"It's a light against silt. It drifts in just about as fast as we pump it out," said Lieutenant-Comman-

## GENERAL PROPOSES:

# SECURITY SYSTEM IN MIDDLE EAST

London, April 16.

The establishment of a Middle Eastern security system as the counterpart to the Atlantic Pact is one of the proposals of the Royal Institute of International Affairs' latest publication, on "United Kingdom policy".

Major-General Sir Ian Jacob, military assistant to the Secretary of War, said that since conventional all-out war is a possibility Middle Eastern bases might be necessary for offensive operations.

He suggested new and better arrangements for the future and listed the following main lines of action:

1. Full support to Turkey to enable her at least to maintain her neutrality.
2. The presence in the Middle East of sufficient American and Commonwealth forces to back up the combined strength of the Middle Eastern States and to act as a strong deterrent to any Russian move in that direction.
3. Well-organised administrative and operational bases from which the combined forces could co-operate and be supplied.

4. Insistence on sound disposition of the former Italian colonies.

5. Russian influence in all shapes and forms to be kept out of Africa.

General Jacob argued that the emergence of Africa as an area of great strategic value had added new importance to the West's interest in the Middle East.

### Integrity must be maintained

"Britain requires a peaceful, contented and prosperous Africa and must, if necessary, fight in the Middle East to ensure this requirement," he said.

"The friendship of the Middle Eastern states, linked as they are with the peoples of the Indian Ocean, is important. Their stability and integrity must be maintained."

The writer also said that the dependence of Britain and her

Western Allies on the oil of the Persian Gulf and Iraq is probably as great as it is not greater than Russian dependence on the oil of Baku. Safeguarding of sea and air routes to India, Australia and the Far East, and the fact that the Middle East forms a barrier preventing access by Russia to the Indian Ocean, are two more reasons for a Middle Eastern defence pact.

However, General Jacob questioned "States which make up the Middle East are weak and of doubtful stability and it seems unlikely, even if dissension caused by events in Palestine were to die away, that they could guarantee their own security. Stiffening from outside is necessary. It is high time the Palestine issue was finally settled and a regional security system was brought into being to form a counterpart of the Atlantic Treaty."—United Press.

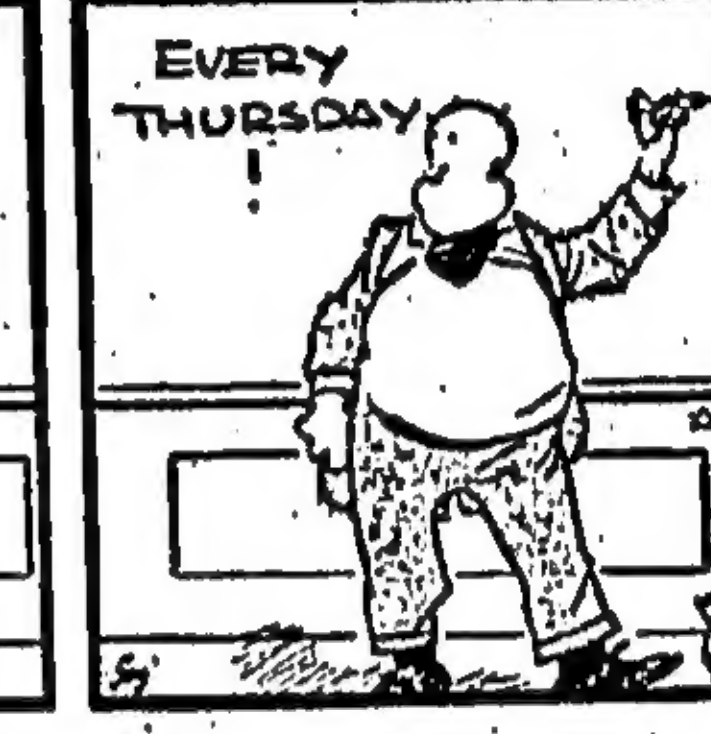
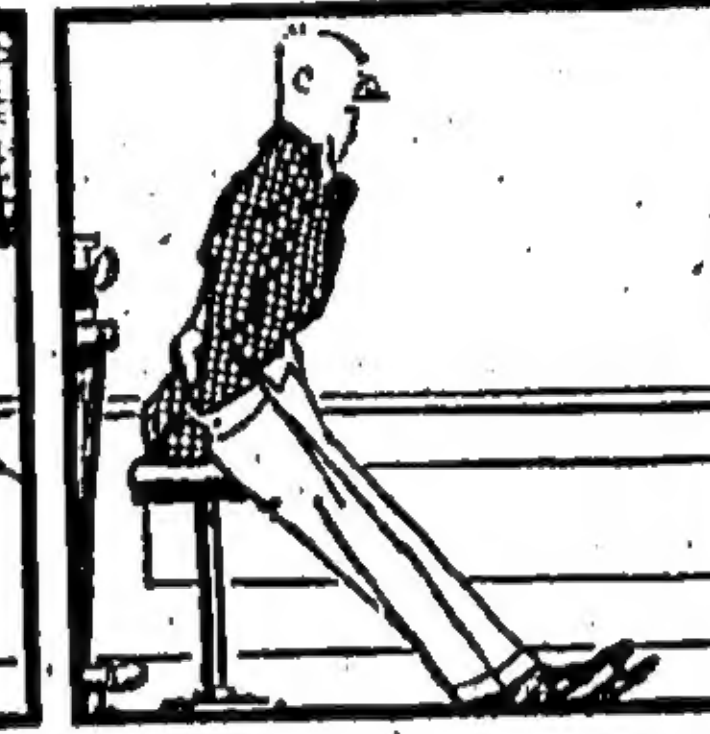
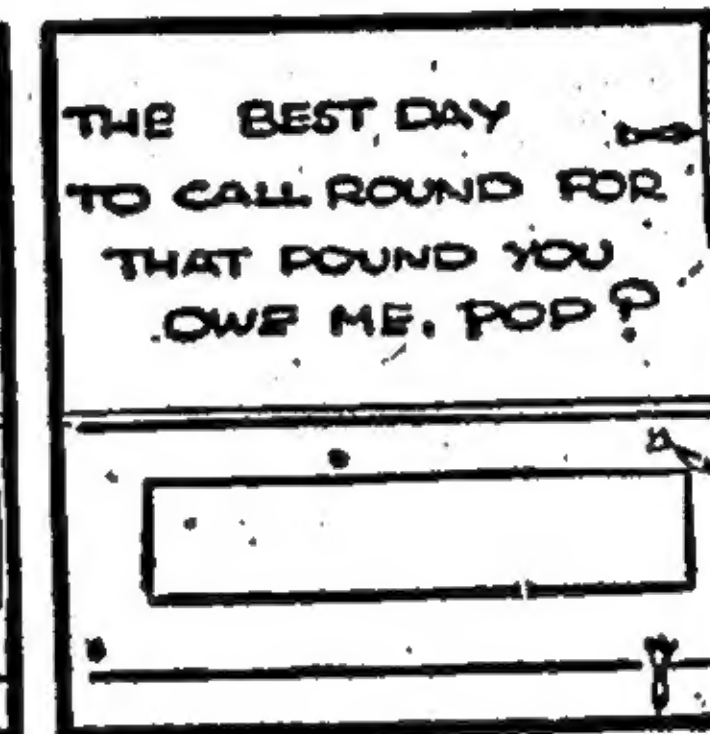
## JORDAN SENATE DISSOLVED

Amman, April 16.

King Abdullah of Jordan dissolved the Jordan Senate by Royal decree today. A new Senate is expected to be appointed shortly by him. It will have 20 members, 10 of them from Palestine.

The new Parliament will meet on April 24.—Associated Press.

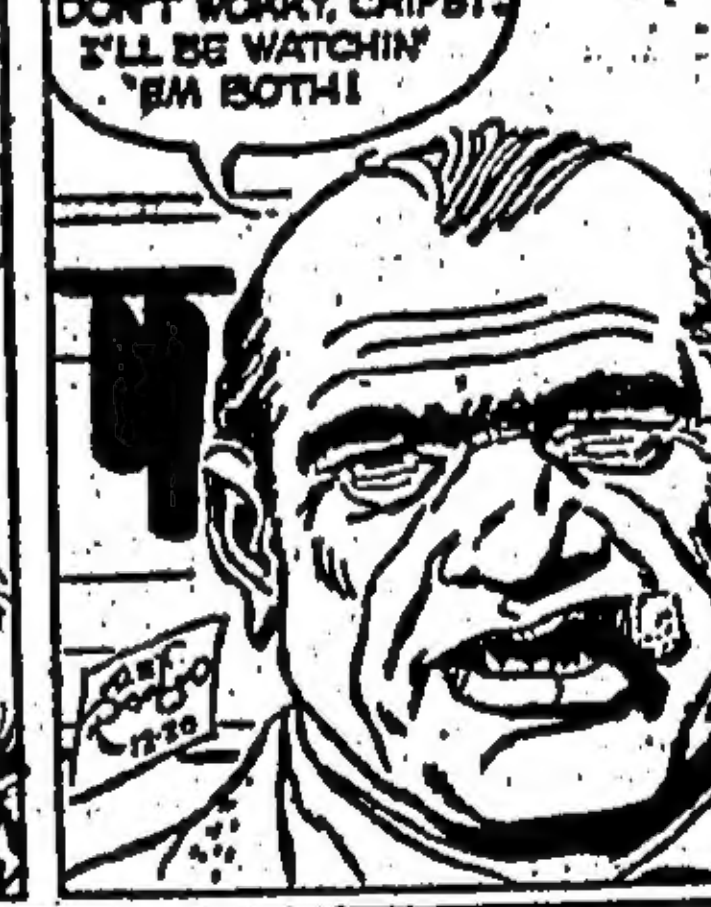
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## ASIA-PACIFIC UNION NOW NEARER REALITY

The Philippines has been trying for a year to work up enthusiasm for a political, economic and cultural organisation of Asian and Pacific countries. The project now seems to be nearing fruition. A Philippines Foreign Office spokesman said a meeting of interested nations to form such a union has tentatively been fixed for late April or early May at Baguio, Northern Luzon.

## BRITISH NEWSMEN ATTACKED

Trieste, April 16. Twenty Italian journalists tonight drove in procession out of the Yugoslav zone of Trieste in protest against alleged attacks on visiting journalists during today's elections.

One Italian journalist was reported to have been injured by a pen-knife, and three Italians and two British journalists were said to have had their cars damaged by stone-throwers.

Slaves and Italians went to the polls today in an orderly fashion to elect new district authorities for the Yugoslav zone of Trieste.

More than half of the 41,000 electors had registered their votes by midday.

This 200-square-mile, barren stretch of Adriatic coastline, with a mixed Italian and Slav population, is at present in the limelight as a bone of contention between Italy and Marshall Tito.

But the future of the zone was not an issue in these local elections.

The Italo-Slovene Front, dominated by Yugoslav Communists put up candidates for each of the 202 seats.

Two Opposition parties—the Socialists, who want Trieste to remain a free territory, and the Christian Socialists, who wish it to return to Italy—put forward nine and six candidates respectively.

Two Socialists withdrew during the voting, a Party official alleging irregularities.

Nearly 30 Italian and foreign journalists were allowed to inspect the polling everywhere in the zone.

Opponents of Marshal Tito's People's Front did not complain of today's actual election technique, but claimed that the elections were not really free.

The small number of people registered to vote at polling stations—fewer than 200 in some cases—made it easier, it was claimed, to guess the identity of those who voted against the Front and many feared reprisals.—Reuter.

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## TRUMAN SCHEME WARNING

Philadelphia, April 16. Dr. Alan Valentine, President of the University of Rochester, warned yesterday that President Truman's Point Four programme will become a major failure in American diplomacy unless it soon becomes a working reality.

Dr. Valentine told the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences that delays between proposal and performance in the Point Four programme have brought great disappointments and even dangers.

The Truman proposal raised excessive hopes. In countries to be added their ignorance gave them no realistic understanding of the slowness and difficulties of economic progress. Impatience and disappointment has led toward cynicism about American promises.

Dr. Valentine said the next step should be an official statement of American policy and procedure under Point Four. He added, however, that such statement must be sufficiently detailed to answer questions of procedure still under debate.—United Press.

## Man sentenced for fraud

Because he wished to get the full price for goods he had obtained by false pretences, resulted in Lam Choi, aged 25, appearing before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday charged with obtaining goods by false pretences.

The man sold the pigs to the defendant and two others not in custody went to Ma Sing, master of a junk, at the Tung Li Chau Pier, Main Street, West, on March 24 and by pretending that they were sent by Ko Sing, a pig dealer, obtained two pigs. The man sold the pigs to the defendant and two others not in custody went to Ma Sing, master of a junk, at the Tung Li Chau Pier, Main Street, West, on March 24 and by pretending that they were sent by Ko Sing, a pig dealer, obtained two pigs.

Meanwhile Ko Sing had discovered that someone had taken the pigs, which he had paid for, and the Police were informed. Inquiries at the various laan led to the arrest of the defendant when he returned to the Hong Lee Laan to receive the remainder of the money.

The defendant, at a previous hearing pleaded not guilty saying that he had been sent by a man to collect the money. Yesterday he changed his plea to guilty and asked for leniency.

For snatching a handbag from a woman, Wong Sing aged 19, was sentenced to six months hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday. Defendant was also ordered to receive six strokes of the cane.

## CANTONESE BY RADIO

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## Lesson 34 (E)

Vocabulary:  
174. (too) dzoh(2)  
Combinations:  
6. Dzoh(2) dee(1).  
General Expressions:  
56. Dui(3) (1)m (3)jue.

## A Story: (Continued)

27. (2)kui (3)dzau dah(2)-  
(3)deen-wah(2) wun(2).  
(2)kui-dee(1) (1)pung-  
(2)jau, tai-fan(2) (2)kui-  
(3)day bay(3) dee(1)  
(2)joh (2)kui (3)huk.  
28. (3)Daan-(3)hal, (2)kui-  
(3)day (3)haam-(3)baang-  
(3)laang doh(1) (3)wah  
(1)m-duk(1)haan (1)lai  
geen(3) (2)kui.  
29. Gum(2), (2)kui (3)dzau  
(3)dzee-gay(2) hui(3)  
wun(2) (2)kui-(3)day  
30. (2)kui wun(2)-doh(2)  
hui(1) gau(2) (1)pung-  
(2)kui.  
31. (2)kui (3)wah: (2)Ngay  
hoh(3) (2)toh-(3)ngaw  
ah(3).  
32. Tai(2) (3)day bay(2)  
dee(1), (2)jeh, (3)ngaw  
(3)shik lah(1).  
33. (3)Daan-(3)hal, (2)kui-  
gau(3) (1)pung-(3)jau  
(3)wah. Dui(3)-(1)m  
(3)jue.  
34. (2)Ngaw (3)joh-ling(1)  
(3)shik-law(3)-(3)laan  
loh(3).  
35. "Daan(3)-shay(3) (3)day  
(1)m-duk(3)-dee(1) (1)lai  
neh(1)!"

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Earlier.

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Excuse me.

Pardon me.

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give him some food.

But they all said they were too

busy to come to see him.

Consequently, he then went

himself to look for them.

He found one friend.

He said: "I'm very hungry."

"Please give me some food."

But his friend said:

"I beg your pardon!"

"I've already had my meal."

"Why didn't you come earlier?"

## Air Force's training of conscripts

London, April 16. Conscripts called up for the Royal Air Force may now be able to train as pilots, aircrew engineers or gunners during their compulsory 18 months in uniform.

The Air Ministry today announced special training facilities for 200 conscript engineers and 220 gunners in addition to the 300 now trained as pilots each year.

The RAF expect to train a gunner in four months and an aircrew engineer in six months. When they pass they may join operational crews.—Reuter.

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2.05—Music and Song of Eric Coates.

2.20—Organ Solo by G.D. Cunningham.

2.30—Cantonese by Radio-Gies by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S.K. Lee (Studio).

2.50—Grand Symphony Orchestra.

3.15—Letter for America—By Allister Cooke (London Relay).

3.30—Song and Screen Favourites—by Allen Woods (Studio).

3.50—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).

4.15—Port Gillette at the Haymond Grand (Relay from the Forces Education Centre).

4.30—"The Blue Danube"—The True Story of the Strauss Family and their Contemporaries (Ep. 48).

5.00—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).

5.10—Weather Report.

5.15—Piano Recital by Wong Kuk Ying (Studio).

5.35—Interlude.

5.45—"Dancing Time"—With the Dance Orchestra of the South Staffordshire Regiment (Relay from the Forces Education Centre).

6.00—"In the Balance"—A Story from the Midlands by Dorothy Baker. Read by Pamela Mant (HBCTS).

6.25—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra (HBCTS).

6.55—London Promenade Orchestra.

7.10—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

7.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain (Recorded Relay).

7.30—Close Down.

A.M.—Up With The Sun.  
7.15—Setting Up Exercises.  
7.30—Musical Clock.  
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Programme.  
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.  
8.15—Class Concert. Players.  
8.30—Morning Music.  
8.45—Tuesday's Favourite Classics.  
9.00—Morning Melody.  
9.10—Morning Melody.  
9.15—News.  
9.30—From The Shows.  
9.45—Variety Glee The Tune.  
10.00—The Nowline Trio.  
10.15—Tropicans.  
10.30—Vocally Yours.  
10.45—Music Makers.  
11.00—Children's Corner.  
11.15—Naval Time.  
11.30—Radio Healers.  
11.45—Therapeutic Singers.  
12.00—Tien Ming-Eng Singers.  
12.15—The Waltz Song Club.  
12.30—Mendelssohn—Concerto in E Minor.  
12.45—Listen to Leibert.  
1.00—D.H.C. News.  
1.10—Local News.  
1.15—D.H.C. School Broadcast.  
1.30—Light Music.  
1.45—Swing.  
1.55—News.  
2.00—From The Shows.  
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5.40—Local News.  
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6.00—Rediffusion Request Show.  
6.15—The Stars Sing.  
6.30—Festival of Waltzes.  
6.45—"Free For All".  
6.55—D.H.C. News.  
7.10—Local News.  
7.15—Relay.  
7.30—Tex Beneke Show.  
7.45—Magic and Moonlight.  
8.00—Date with Dreamland.  
8.15—Standard.  
8.30—Close Down.

## FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realised at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

First quality	Average price	Second quality	Average price
Other Groupers	12.40	8.84	
Golden Thread	1.15	1.07	
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(small)	1.00	1.00	
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.15	1.04	
(small)	1.00	1.00	

Pleading guilty to a charge of embezzlement, Cheung Shui, aged 24, was sentenced to three months hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday.

Defective Sub-inspector Van for the prosecution said that defendant was engaged by Tam Tong as a cashier in his office. Between January 31 and April 15 this year, defendant collected \$806.97 from various customers but failed to hand the money to complainant.

Defendant had been working for complainant for about a year and his record had been good.



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# CHINA PEANUTS FOR AMERICA

Washington, April 17.

The Agriculture Department has agreed to hold up at least until next week an order which would permit the import of peanuts from Communist China, Representative Cooley, North Carolina Democrat, said today.

Mr. Cooley, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said in a statement that the Department plan will remove peanuts from import controls and permit the entry of nuts from China.

Peanuts are under price support and marketing quota laws. Their production has been reduced about 40 per cent in the past two years. Peanuts and other oil bearing materials have been under import control and importation has been barred several years.

Mr. Cooley estimated that peanut production at about three times this country's. There are import applications on file for more than 100,000 tons. Associated Press.

The Philippines took 3,747,000 square yards in January and February compared with 20,818,000 square yards for the like period last year. Other comparable years: Indonesia, 4,602,000 square yards to 19,548,000 square yards in January and February 1949. Thailand received 1,881,000 square yards to 6,844,000 square yards for the two months period.

Canada, Iran and Mexico, Union of South Africa and the Belgian Congo also moved heavy import applications.

Associated Press.

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# FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# AMERICAN BUSINESS A PICTURE OF VITALITY

New York, April 16.

Encouraged by a series of flattering Government reports, United States business and industry was a picture of strength and vitality the past week.

Steel mills produced the second largest tonnage in the history of that premier American industry. Motor car production climbed close to levels prevailing before the Chrysler strike late in January.

Industrial output bounced back in March, and more than made up the losses of the coal strike. Home building set a record. National income, which means buying power, rose after falling in each quarter of 1949.

But the Council's acting Chairman, Mr. Leon Keyserling, told reporters that the gains still fell short of showing an economic growth rapid enough to prevent a slow, year by year rise in unemployment.

"We are not getting the expansion in industry and investment that we need to absorb the steady increase in the labor force," Mr. Keyserling said. "That is a serious problem."

The Council's monthly report to Congress noted a March drop of \$31,000 in the number of job-seekers but said the improvement was seasonal.

Most of the economic signposts, as reported to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, were pointed upward.

Production of all goods and services reached an annual rate of \$258,000,000,000 in the first quarter, up nearly three billion dollars from late last year but not yet back to the level of a year ago when the decline began.

A sharp rise in consumers' spending power, or earnings after taxes, was attributed largely to the \$2,800,000,000 G.I. life insurance refund—most of which the Council said, was not spent in the first quarter. Associated Press.

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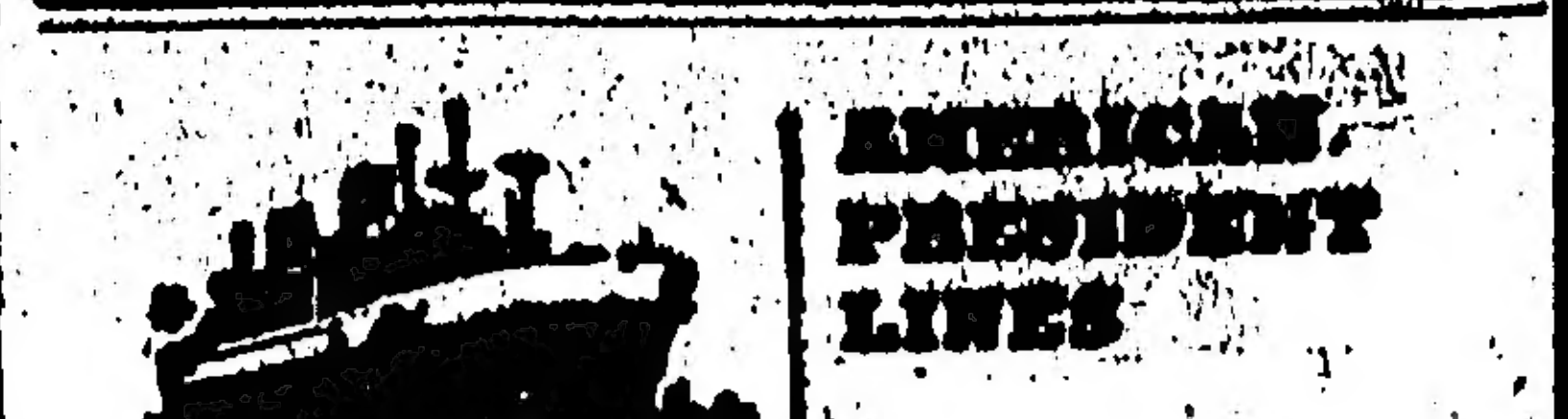
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"BENWYVIL"	do	14th May
"BENVORLICH"	do	27th May
"BENVARY"	do	28th May
"BENMACDHUI"	do	11th June
"BENALDER"	do	25th June

# SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	DUK
"BENATTOW"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg	22nd Apr.
"BENGLUCH"	do	10th May
"BENMACDHUI"	do	15th June
"BENNEVIS"	Genoa, Liverpool, Avonmouth, Le Havre, Hamburg	30th Apr.
"BENWYVIL"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	17th May
"BENVARY"	do	10th June
"BENGRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre, Antwerp & Rotterdam	7th May
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# Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK\$0.132, and closed at \$0.161.

TT closed at HK\$0.20 after opening at \$0.171.

Sterling opened at HK\$16.43 and closed at \$13.50.

Australian pounds were stationary at HK\$12.60.

Pastures continued nominal at HK\$11.00.

Ticals at HK\$26.50 a 100, and NEI Guilders at HK\$4.50 a 100, were unchanged from last Saturday.

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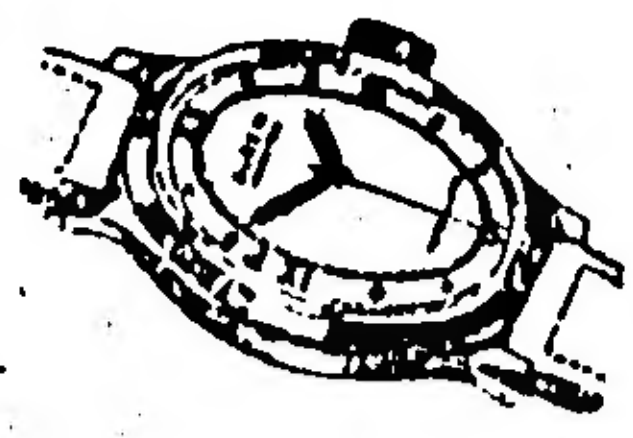
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## IP BEATS PAKISTAN ACE IN RETURN MATCH

(By "ARGONAUT")

Ip Koon-hung, the Colony tennis singles champion, squared accounts with Pakistan's No. 1 Davis Cupper, I. Ahmed at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday, beating his erstwhile conqueror, 9-7 and 6-4.

In a one-set match, S. M. Alam, the other Pakistan Davis Cup representative edged out Tsui Yun-pui by 6-4, after the latter had led by 3-1.

The doubles match between Ip and Edwin Tsui on one side and Ahmed and Tsui Wai-pui on the other was called off at 3-3, when a downpour made further play impossible.

In spite of overhanging clouds that were threatening to burst any time, a fairly good crowd turned out for yesterday's series of exhibition games. The main attraction, of course was the return singles encounter between Ip Koon-hung and I. Ahmed. In a previous game, played at the Cricket Club grass court, Ip was beaten 6-8 and 3-6.

Showing improved courtcraft, the local champion avenged his previous defeat with a two-set win, after nearly an hour's grueling struggle.

In fairness to Ahmed, it was conspicuously noticeable that with his heavier build, he was greatly handicapped by the wet condition of the court. Inability to get the proper balance, forced him to net or overhit his shots on many occasions. He was visibly tired, affected perhaps by the strenuous programme he had been undergoing.

To give Ip, however, his proper due, it must be admitted he was playing much better than he did in the first match. Yesterday saw him put over some deep backhand cross-court cuts, although his similar strokes on the forehand probably still need a little more depth.

### Shots find mark

His short-length side-line passing shots invariably found their mark, out of Ahmed's reach, or forcing him to return with defensive half-volleys. A tactic, however, which paid Ip higher dividends yesterday were his services to Ahmed's backhand, which was only prevented Ahmed from employing his devastating forehand drives to the services, but also forced him into repeated errors.

The opening game on Ip's service went to Ahmed after three deuces. Two good services, a deep backhand cross drive, and a drop volley gave Ahmed a love service game and a lead of 2-0. Ip then served again to a deuce score, before Ahmed netted a backhand cross from Ip and hit out Ip's service to his backhand.

Ahmed held his service on the fourth game and to did Ip in the fifth. Four backhand errors on Ahmed's part, allowed Ip to break through his service on the sixth game and even the score 3-3.

Ip then forged ahead to 4-3 after a deuce game as Ahmed hit wide a backhand sideline drive and netted a forehand drive after deuce was called. Each then held his service until 6-7 when Ahmed after serving an ace, relapsed into four successive errors to give Ip the first set.

### Second set

The second set started in a slight drizzle, with Ip serving forcefully to a love game. Two long deuce games followed followed each going to the server, Ahmed, with delightful

angled drives and volleys took the next two games to lead 3-2, but Ip countered by taking the following two games to lead again 4-3.

Ahmed drew up 4-4, only to see Ip's service to his backhand reaping four points in succession for the ninth game. After scoring the first point with a deep backhand cross on the 10th game, Ahmed fell again into four successive errors to concede the set and match to Ip by 6-4.

The one-set match between Tsui Yun-pui and S. M. Alam, resolved itself into a base-line duel between the two players, with each trying to score with deep short cross followed by side-line drives. Alam with powerful services took the first set, but stilling a brilliant patch Tsui took the next three games in a row by 50-30, 50-15 and 5-15. With steady backhand drives, Alam gradually caught up to 3-3 and forged ahead to 4-3. Tsui took the eighth game but Alam topped home with the next two games for set.

### Full scores

S. M. Alam beat Tsui Yun-pui, 6-4.

Ip Koon-hung beat I. Ahmed, 9-7, 6-4.

I. Ahmed and Tsui Wai-pui drew with K. H. Ip and E. Tsai, 3-3 (abandoned).

## GUSSIE MORAN WINS AT NICE

Nice, April 16. Miss "Gussie" Moran, the United States lawn tennis star, today won the women's singles event in the Nice International tournament.

In the final she overwhelmed her French opponent, Mile Josette Amouretti, by 6-0 and 6-0. Bursar Patis, of Los Angeles, won the All-American Men's singles final, beating Tony Trabert, 10-year-old Cincinnati University student, by 6-2 and 6-4.—Reuter.

## SIDWELL WINS IN ROME

Rome, April 16. Australia's Bill Sidwell was the only seeded player engaged today when the Italian International Lawn Tennis Championships opened here today. He beat Manuel Buaykela (Spain) by 6-1 and 6-0.

Sidwell is seeded No. 3 behind Jaroslav Drobný, the self-exiled Czech, and Billy Talbert, of the United States.—Reuter.

## WIGHTMAN CUP TEAM PICKED

New York, April 16. Louis Brough, Mrs. Margaret D. Pont, Doris Hart and Mrs. Patricia Todd have been selected as the American team to defend the Wightman Cup at Wimbledon on June 16 and 17, the Wightman Cup Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced today.—Associated Press.

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HONG KONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1950.

## HONG KONG XI



The Hong Kong Soccer XI which lost to the Koreans by six goals to three at Happy Valley on Saturday, together with Mr. W. Gaffney (holding ball), who acted as referee, and Messrs. J. F. Ennis, A. E. P. Guest and C. K. Woo.—("China Mail" Photo).

## U.S. major league baseball season starting today

New York, April 16.

The 1950 major league baseball season opens on Tuesday, and if pre-season dope is right, the New York and Brooklyn clubs are going to have their hands full defending their 1949 laurels.

All of which, according to the baseball bigwigs, adds up to one of the most exciting, most productive and most attended campaigns of them all.

It takes a real optimist to visualise a pair of pennant races as close as those of last year when the Yankees and Dodgers did not win until the final day. However, in contrast to the two-team struggles of 1949, at least eight clubs—four in each league—are given better than an outside chance of winning the championship.

Brooklyn remains the favourite to repeat in the National League, but St. Louis, Boston and Philadelphia have plenty of backers. Over in the American, the world champion Yankees rate no better than second choice in the wagering to the Boston Red Sox, with Detroit and Cleveland also well liked. Some are even so bold as to predict a flag for 37-year-old Connie Mack and his Philadelphia Athletics.

Fan interest for this jubilee year of baseball—the National League starts its 75th season and the American its 50th—may reach a new peak with the overall attendance perhaps bettering the 1948 record total of over 20,000,000.

### FANLING GOLF

Three competitors returned ends of 1 up on Bogey for the Prize Competition at Fanling on Sunday.

They also tied with 1 up for the last nine holes.

R. C. Gardner (13) who was 2 up on the last six holes, was the winner. H. R. Cleland (10) and J. Markham (9) were the two other competitors who were also 1 up on bogey in the competition.

As a result of the play-off W. E. Grievé qualified for the Captain's Cup in April.

The England vs. Scotland match will be played on April 30. Singles in the morning and four balls or foursomes in the afternoon.

Members may indicate partners and opponents and matches will be arranged accordingly as far as possible. Individual losers to pay for lifts on results of singles.

Members may enter names on list at Fanling or submit names to Club office and indicate how they wish matches arranged. Entries close on April 24.

## KOREAN TEAM ENTERTAINED

The visiting Korean soccer team was entertained last night by the KIL Chee and Kwong Wah Athletic Association at the Yan Yeh Restaurant.

Mr. J. K. Kul-nam, Honorary co-President of KIL Chee and Kwong Wah A.A. was one of the hosts who received the Korean soccer players at the restaurant.

Also invited to attend the dinner were some of the officials of the Hong Kong Football Association.

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## CRACK DRIVER REPEATS WIN

San Remo, April 16. Juan Manuel Fangio, the crack Argentine driver, today won the San Remo Grand Prix for the second year in succession.

Driving an Italian Alfa Romeo, he completed the 90 laps of the two-mile circuit in 3 hours 10 minutes 8.2 seconds.

Heavy rains made the course slippery and treacherous, causing havoc to engines. Only six of the 20 starters were placed and among those forced to retire was Prince Bira, the runner-up last year.

Second place went to Count Luigi Villorossi, of Italy, driving a Ferrari. His time was 3 hours 11 minutes 9.2/5 seconds. Villorossi had the fastest lap time.

Another Argentine driver, J. P. J. in a Maserati, was third. This was Fangio's second major success of the season as he won the Grand Prix of Pau in France last week, driving a Maserati.

Despite the conditions a huge crowd watched the race.—Reuter.

## DEMARET WINS AGAIN

Atlanta, Georgia, April 16. Stroke-hearding Jimmy Demaret put a US\$2,000 star in his week-old Masters crown today by winning the \$10,000 North Fulton Open with a 49 under par 66 for a 270 tournament total.

Flinsky Jim, wearing pink trousers, took charge of the field yesterday with a course record of 64. He rode home today with an equally hot round, nine holes out, finishing with a 65 for a 129 total.

Demaret had a four-under par 67 for a tournament total of 274. Demaret will have the third hole holder for the August Masters crown a money-earning total of \$12,216.10 for the season.

His prize for the 1950 Masters is \$10,000. For the 1949 Masters he won \$10,000. For the 1948 Masters he won \$10,000.

Demaret's win was the third in a row for him. He won the 1947 Masters and the 1948 Masters.

### Opening games

National League—Brooklyn at Philadelphia, Boston at New York, Chicago at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at St. Louis, night.

American League—Detroit at Cleveland, New York at Boston, Philadelphia at Washington, St. Louis at Chicago.

The Pirates-Cards night opener, first ever to inaugurate a campaign, is a forerunner of things to come. In all 400 night games have been arranged in both leagues and undoubtedly more will be fixed later. Last year, there were 384 and in 1949 only 81.

Most of the fan interest will be focused at Fenway Park where the Yankees and Red Sox pick up where they left off last year.

The important four game set may give an inkling whether the high-powered Red Sox are going to get away from the barrier fast in contrast to other years. Right under the Yankees' nose will open for the Yankees. He will be opposed by Lefty Hand Mel Parnell.

Each contender may start with one of its mainstays missing from the lineup. First baseman Tommy Henrich of the Yankees is hobbling by a knee which was injured by catcher Birdie Tebbets of the Red Sox is nursing a split finger.

### The Dodgers

Another reminder of the final day of the 1949 pennant struggles is the Dodger-Phillie engagement at Shibe Park. Don Newcombe and Ken Heintzelman, opposing pitchers then, will face each other in a repeat of the 1949 game.

Both pitchers failed to get past the fifth inning that day.

The Brooks will field the same team that won the flag except for Rookie Bobby Morgan at third base. Mike Gollat, a part-time performer last year, is the regular second baseman of the Phils.

Ed Waitkus is back at first base with Dick Slater switching to left field.

Keen interest also will focus at the Polo Grounds where the New York Giants and Boston Braves tangle. The Braves will present outfielders Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and Shortstop Buddy Kerr in the starting line-up. Johnny Sain and Larry Jansen, two 1949 disappointments, will be the opposing pitchers.

### Exhibition games

Exhibition baseball results: Chicago, National 7; Chicago, American 2; Chicago, National (2nd game) 5; Chicago, American 4; New York, American 4; Brooklyn, National 2; Philadelphia, National 11; Philadelphia, American 2; Cleveland, American 2; New York, National 1; Louisville, American Association 8; Detroit, American 4; Washington, American 3; Pittsburgh, National 2; St. Louis, National 5; St. Louis, American 4; Cincinnati, National 5; Indianapolis, American Association 2; Cleveland, National 2.

### OTHER SPORTS

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## Scotland may take the Road to Rio

Glasgow, April 16.

Scotland may after all send their soccer team to Brazil for the World Cup finals this summer, despite their defeat by England yesterday, which lost them the British Championship.

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## Squabble over site for Olympic games

Melbourne, April 17.

Preparations for the 1956 Olympic Games are proceeding with considerable bickering among Melbourne civic and sporting groups which reached a climax in selection of a site.

The Australian Olympic Organising Committee chose the Melbourne Cricket Ground, but only after bitter disputes which prompted such newspaper headlines as "Melbourne May Lose Games."

Opposing interests fought between the Royal Agricultural Society's Showground, the cricket grounds and the Olympic Park.

Sir Harold Huxton, former Lord Mayor of Melbourne and one of two Australian members on the International Olympic Committee, will discuss progress of Melbourne's preparations with the 70-member IOC in Copenhagen in May.

Newspapers recalled, in the heat of the game site dispute, that the Olympic body in 1908 switched the event from Rome to London.

"After all, we got the Games only by the skin of our teeth (one vote). No doubt it would be easy enough to start agitation to have the whole matter reopened if we proved ourselves so small minded that we couldn't even agree among ourselves," remarked the "Melbourne Argus" columnist, Clive Turnbull.

Though the organising committee has given its verdict in favour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the latter's trustees foresee difficulties in meeting conditions imposed:

1. To make the arena comply with Olympic requirements.

2. To have the Government guarantee finance.

The organising committee has left itself a last-minute option for the Showground in case the MCG trustees fail to meet these conditions.

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